



Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Creating Sections 2.40(4)(h) and 3.30(4) of the Madison General Ordinances to prohibit a person who is registered as a lobbyist under City Ordinances from serving as a member of any permanent or temporary City board, commission or committee.

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**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:** 1. Version 3 - 2nd Alternate, 2. Version 2 - Alternate, 3. Alternate with handwritten notations, 4. Version 1, 5. Letter from Ron Trachtenberg to Ethics Board. 10-26-15.pdf

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
11/17/2015	3	COMMON COUNCIL	Adopt	Fail
10/28/2015	3	ETHICS BOARD	RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER	Pass
9/2/2015	2	ETHICS BOARD		
8/4/2015	1	COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE (ended 4/2017)	Return to Lead with the Recommendation to Place on File	Pass
7/7/2015	1	ETHICS BOARD	Referred	
7/7/2015	1	COMMON COUNCIL	Referred	Pass
6/29/2015	1	Attorney's Office/Approval Group	Referred for Introduction	

**Fiscal Note**

No appropriation required.

**Title**

SECOND ALTERNATE Creating Sections 2.40(4)(h) and 3.30(4) of the Madison General Ordinances to prohibit a person who is registered as a lobbyist under City Ordinances from serving as a member of any permanent or temporary City board, commission or committee.

**Body**

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: This proposal would prohibit a person who is registered as a lobbyist under City Ordinances from serving as a member of any permanent or temporary City board, commission or committee unless in the judgment of the Mayor and two-thirds of the Common Council the best interests of the City will be served by the appointment and the Mayor states why a conflict does not exist between the matters the lobbyist seeks to influence and the jurisdiction of the board, commission or committee.

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The Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby ordain as follows:

1. Subdivision (h) of Subsection (4) entitled "Prohibited Practices" of Section 2.40 entitled "Lobbying Regulated" of the Madison General Ordinances is created to read as follows:

“(h) No lobbyist may serve as a member of any Ad hoc or Standing sub-unit, including, but not limited to, any City board, committee, commission, task force or similar body except as provided in Sec. 3.30(2) (a) MGO.”

2. Subsection (4) entitled “Lobbyists: Boards, Commissions and Committees” of Section 3.30 entitled “Qualifications--City Officers, Members of Commissions, and Employees” of the Madison General Ordinances is created to read as follows:

“(4) Lobbyists: Boards, Commissions and Committees. No person who is registered as a lobbyist, pursuant to Sec. 2.40, MGO, may serve as a member of any Ad hoc or Standing sub-unit, including, but not limited to, any City board, committee, commission, task force or similar body, provided, however that this provision shall not apply to a member of or candidate for appointment to a City of Madison board, committee or commission where in the judgment of mayor and two-thirds (2/3) of the Common Council, the best interests of the City will be served by the appointment of a registered lobbyist who is particularly well qualified by reasons of education, background and experience. The Mayor shall also specify to the Common Council the reasons:

- (a) Why he or she is recommending the appointment; and
- (b) Why the matters that the member or candidate for appointment attempts to influence as a lobbyist are unrelated to those matters considered by the sub-unit to which the person is a member or a candidate for appointment.”