



Legislation Text

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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.

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."