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No appropriation is required.

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Body

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: Section 3.35(5)(i), MGO, part of the ethics code, prohibits some of the activities that would constitute lobbying under Sec. 2.40, MGO, the lobbying regulation ordinance, for the 12 months after certain public officials leave office. However, neither the lobbying ordinance nor the ethics code make explicit that former elected officials, employees and board members (with respect to their board) may not engage in lobbying for that 12-month period. This ordinance makes the prohibition explicit.

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

1. Paragraph 1. of Subdivision (i) entitled "Post-Employment/Appointment Restrictions" of Subsection (5) entitled "Standards of Conduct" of Section 3.35 entitled "Code of Ethics" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

"1. No former Mayor, for twelve (12) months following the date on which she or he leaves office may appear, with or without compensation, on behalf of any person or entity, before any City entity or confer or negotiate with any incumbent on any matter which may reasonably be expected to come before any City entity for official action. During such period, no former Mayor may engage in lobbying under Sec. 2.40, MGO."

2. Paragraph 2. of Subdivision (i) entitled "Post-Employment/Appointment Restrictions" of Subsection (5) entitled "Standards of Conduct" of Section 3.35 entitled "Code of Ethics" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

"2. No former alderperson, for twelve (12) months following the date on which she or he leaves office may appear, with or without compensation, on behalf of any person or entity, before any board, committee

or commission or before the Common Council or negotiate with any incumbent on any matter which may reasonably be expected to come before such board, committee or commission or the Common Council for official action. During such period, no former alderperson may engage in lobbying under Sec. 2.40, MGO.

3. Paragraph 3. of Subdivision (i) entitled "Post-Employment/Appointment Restrictions" of Subsection (5) entitled "Standards of Conduct" of Section 3.35 entitled "Code of Ethics" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

"3. No former permanent City employee, for twelve (12) months following the date on which she or he leaves City employment, may appear, with or without compensation, on behalf of any person or entity, before any City entity for or with which they formerly worked or negotiate with any current employee of such entity on any matter which may reasonably be expected to come before such City entity for official action. This provision does not apply to former employees or former elected officials seeking employment by the City. During such period, no former City employee may engage in lobbying under Sec. 2.40, MGO, before any City entity for or with which they formerly worked."

4. Paragraph 3. of Subdivision (i) entitled "Post-Employment/Appointment Restrictions" of Subsection (5) entitled "Standards of Conduct" of Section 3.35 entitled "Code of Ethics" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

"4. No former member of a City board, committee or commission, for twelve (12) months following the date on which her or his membership ends, may appear, with or without compensation, on behalf of any person or entity, before the board, committee or commission of which she or he was a member or negotiate with any incumbent on any matter which may reasonably be expected to come before such board, committee or commission for official action. During such period, no former member of a City board, committee or commission shall engage in lobbying under Sec. 2.40, MGO, before the board, committee or commission of which she or he was a member or on any matter reasonably expected to come before such board, committee or commission."