

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Amend Regulation of Lobbying Entities and City Officials to improve administration, clarify requirements and Auditor duties (Ordinance; amend Code Chapter 2.12)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This code update will substantially improve administration and compliance with the City's Regulation of Lobbying Entities program, strengthen certain provisions, and clarify requirements.

- The City's Lobbying Regulations have existed since 2005, but a substantial review and adjustment to regulations has not occurred since 2007.
- Major changes in this code update include: additional reporting by lobbying entities according to a new financial threshold, broadened post-employment prohibition for City Officials, clarified calendar posting minimum requirements, increased fines related to repeated violations, and clarified Auditor duties.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

Discuss the impacts of the legislation relating to all of the following if relevant:

- There are no long term financial impacts as a result of this code update.
- This action does not amend the budget or authorize additional spending on new or existing project/program.
- No change to current staffing levels are anticipated as a result of this code update. Additional staff time may be dedicated to creating administrative rules, updating manuals and public information related to current code language. Increased training and outreach is also expected.

Community impacts and community involvement:

This code update increases information available to the public regarding lobbying activity and aids program administration and standards for compliance. The proposed changes are designed to promote transparency and trust in City government.

Public outreach was conducted with registered and recently registered lobbying entities, civic groups such as League of Minority Voters and League of Women Voters, City Officials, and posted on the Auditor's website for public comment for a 30 day period. The office conducted outreach with other governmental organizations and nonpartisan ethics and other public service organizations also provided feedback.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES: Please complete the information below.
- NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount