



# City of Chicago



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**Type:** Ordinance

**Title:** Amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 2-156 by modifying various sections concerning requirements for lobbyists

**Committee(s) Assignment:** Committee on Ethics and Government Oversight

**SUBSTITUTE**  
**ORDINANCE**

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 2-156 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the language struck through and inserting the language underscored, as follows:

**2-156-090 Representation of other persons.**

(a) No elected official or employee may represent, or derive any income or compensation from the representation of any person other than the city in any formal or informal proceeding or transaction before any city agency in which the agency's action or non-action is of a nonministerial nature; provided that nothing in this subsection shall preclude any employee from performing the duties of his employment, or any elected official from appearing without compensation before any city agency on behalf of his constituents in the course of his duties as an elected official.

(b) No elected official or employee may represent, or derive any income, compensation or other tangible benefit from the representation of, any person in any judicial, quasi-judicial or other proceeding before any administrative agency or court: (i) in which the City is an adverse party; or (ii) that may result in an adverse effect on City revenue, City finances, or the health, safety, welfare or relative tax burden of any City residents.

(c) No elected official or employee may lobby the State, the County, or any other unit of local government in the State, or derive any income or compensation from lobbying the State, the County, or any other unit of local government in the State, on behalf of any person; provided that nothing in this Section shall preclude (1) any employee from performing the duties of their employment, (2) any elected official from appearing before any unit of government on behalf of the City, the State, or the County without compensation or on behalf of their constituents in the course of their duties as an elected official, (3) subject to the limitation of subsection (b) of this Section, an employee or elected official who is an attorney from providing legal representation to any person seeking judicial, quasi-judicial, administrative or legislative action, or (4) any elected official or employee from engaging in any political activity. For the purposes of this Section, "lobby" or "lobbying" means, as applicable, any action that would require the person to register as a lobbyist under the Illinois Lobbyist Registration Act, the Cook County Lobbyist Registration Ordinance, or any applicable lobbyist registration ordinance adopted by a unit of local government in the State.

(ed) No appointed official may represent any person in the circumstances described in subsection (a), ~~or (b), or (c)~~ unless the matter is wholly unrelated to the official's city duties and responsibilities.

(e) No official or employee may derive any income, compensation or other tangible benefit from providing opinion evidence as an expert against the interests of the City in any judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding before any administrative agency or court.

*[Omitted text unaffected by this ordinance]*

**2-156-160 Content of statements.**

(a) Statements of financial interests shall contain the following information:

[Omitted text unaffected by this ordinance]

(6) The name of any covered relative of the reporting individual who is registered as a lobbyist with the Board of Ethics, the Illinois Secretary of State, the Cook County Clerk, or any other unit of local government in the State, or who is an employee or full or part-owner of a city contractor;

[Omitted text unaffected by this ordinance]

**2-156-309 Lobbyists holding elected office.**

No elected official of the State or a unit of local government in the State, other than the city, may lobby the city, the city council, or any city agency, department, board or commission (for purposes of this subsection "City"); provided that nothing in this Section shall preclude (1) any such elected official from appearing in their official capacities before the City for the purpose of explaining the effect of any legislative or administrative matter pending before the pertinent City body, (2) any such elected official from appearing without compensation or on behalf of their constituents in the course of their duties as an elected official, (3) any such elected official who is an attorney from providing legal representation to any person seeking quasi-judicial, administrative or legislative action before the City, or (4) any such elected official from engaging in any political activity.

[Omitted text unaffected by this ordinance]

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall take effect 90 days after passage and publication.



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December 18, 2019  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Your Committee on Ethics and Government Oversight, for which a meeting was held on December 4, 2019, recommends passage of the following item.

SO2019-8541 Amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 2-156 by modifying various sections concerning requirements for lobbyists.

Having the same under advisement, begs leave to report and recommend that Your Honorable Body **Pass** the proposed **substitute** transmitted herewith.

This recommendation was concurred in by a unanimous vote of the members of the committee present with no dissenting votes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Smith", written over a horizontal line.

(Signed)

Michele Smith

Chair

Committee on Ethics and Government Oversight