



# City of Chicago



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**Sponsor(s):** O'Connor (40)

**Type:** Ordinance

**Title:** Amendment of Municipal Code Sections 2-55-060, 2-156-380 and 2-156-445 by adding power and duty of Legislative Inspector General and Board of Ethics to review campaign finance filing compliance of candidates for aldermanic or City offices

**Committee(s) Assignment:** Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics

*Rules*

**ORDINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 2-55-060 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

**2-55-060 Powers and duties.**

The legislative inspector general shall have jurisdiction over all aldermen and city council employees. In addition to other powers and duties specifically mentioned in Chapters 2-55 and 2-156, the legislative inspector general shall have the following powers and duties:

*(Omitted text is not affected by this ordinance)*

(a) To receive and register complaints alleging misconduct against aldermen, city council employees and lobbyists engaged in the lobbying of aldermen or city council employees. The legislative inspector general's powers and duties shall extend to misconduct concerning, but not limited to: (i) the improper receipt of gifts or favors; (ii) the improper receipt of money or other thing of value for advice or assistance on matters concerning city business; (iii) the improper and unauthorized use of city property; (iv) the improper use or disclosure of confidential information; (v) conflicts of interest not properly disclosed; (vi) the improper solicitation or acceptance of political contributions; (vii) the improper use of one's position to influence any city government decision or action in which one has any economic interest; and/or (viii) the breach of one's fiduciary duty to the city;

(a-1) To review campaign finance filings of aldermen and aldermanic candidates for compliance with Article VI of Chapter 2-156 of this Code, and to investigate potential violations discovered by such review following a finding of reasonable cause or issuance of a letter of direction by the board of ethics;

(b) To investigate signed and sworn complaints alleging misconduct against aldermen and city council employees only upon a finding of reasonable cause or issuance of a letter of direction by the board of ethics. The legislative inspector general may exercise appropriate discretion in determining whether to petition the board of ethics for a finding of reasonable cause and act upon any particular complaint or conduct, except where otherwise directed by the board of ethics;

*(Omitted text is not affected by this ordinance)*

**SECTION 2.** Sections 2-156-380 and 2-156-445 of the Municipal Code of Chicago are hereby amended by deleting the language struck through and by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

**2-156-380 Powers and duties.**

In addition to other powers and duties specifically mentioned in this chapter, the board of ethics shall have the following powers and duties:

(Omitted text is not affected by this ordinance)

(n) to receive conflict of interest disclosures from any city employee or official, including aldermen;

(n-1) to review campaign finance filings by the mayor, the city clerk, the city treasurer and candidates for any of these offices for compliance with Article VI of this Chapter, and to refer potential violations discovered by such review to the inspector general as a complaint;

(o) to recommend polices, procedures and practices designed to ensure compliance with any federal, state or local law or regulation or any of the city's compliance-related polices and internal controls.

**2-156-445 Limitation of contributing to candidates and elected officials.**

(Omitted text is not affected by this ordinance)

(d) Any person who solicits, ~~or accepts,~~ offers or makes a financial contribution with knowledge that ~~such contribution~~ violates the limits set forth in this section shall be subject to the penalty provided in Article VII of this Chapter; provided, however, such person shall not be deemed in violation of this section if such person returns or requests in writing the return of such financial contribution within 10 calendar days of the recipient's or contributor's knowledge of the violation.

**SECTION 3.** The Board of Ethics is hereby authorized to transfer unconcluded campaign finance filing investigations that it commenced before July 1, 2013 to the city's Inspector General or Legislative Inspector General, as appropriate. For unconcluded campaign finance filing investigations that the Board of Ethics commenced before July 1, 2013, the two-year investigation time period referenced in subsections 2-55-080(i) and 2-56-050(b)(3) of the Municipal Code of Chicago shall start on the effective date of this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and approval.

  
Alderman Patrick J. O'Connor, 40<sup>th</sup> Ward