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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT

April 22, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of the Executive Director of the Board of Ethics, I transmit herewith an ordinance amending Chapter 2-156 of the Municipal Code regarding lobbying.

Your favorable consideration of this ordinance will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor

ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1. Section 2-156-309 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the language struck-through, and inserting the language underscored, as follows:

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 any such elected official: (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, or (5) from lobbying, if the public body that the elected official represents has no pending or recurring legislative or contractual matters involving the City.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its due passage and approval.