

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:

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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 policies, procedures and practices designed to ensure compliance with any federal, state or local law or regulation or any of the city's compliance-related policies 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.

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