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### ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1. Section 2-156-090 of the Municipal Code is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored, and by deleting the language stricken, 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 or official from performing the duties of their employment, or any elected official from appearing without compensation before any city agency on behalf of their constituents in the course of their 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.

d) No appointed official may represent any person in the circumstances described in subsection (a), (b), or (c). This restriction shall not prohibit any appointed official from representing a not-for-profit organization in the circumstances described in subsection (a), (b), or (c) if: (i) such not-for-profit organization does not represent or lobby on behalf of for-profit entities or individuals engaged in a for-profit enterprise; and (ii) 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.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and approval.