

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN
Ordinance No. 18-O-10

Date Introduced:

March 26, 2018

Sponsored by:

Councilman Steven E. Goodin, Councilwoman Sandra J. Landbeck,
Councilman Timothy W. Lindecamp

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

April 9, 2018

Date Effective:

April 30, 2018

1 **AN ORDINANCE concerning**

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3 **AMENDMENTS TO CITY'S ETHICS ORDINANCE**

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5 **FOR** the purpose of amending the ethics ordinance for the City of Aberdeen, to make a certain
6 modifications required by the State Ethics Commission to comply with requirements of
7 Maryland law; modifying certain financial disclosure requirements for elected officials and
8 candidates for election to City office; and matters generally related to revisions to the City's
9 ethics ordinance.

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11 **BY** repealing and re-enacting, with amendments
12 Chapter 43. ETHICS
13 Sections 43-3 and 43-4
14 Code of the City of Aberdeen (2010 Edition as amended)
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EXPLANATION:

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW

((Double Parenthesis)) indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-Out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill by amendment or deleted
from the law by amendment.

* * * indicates existing unmodified text omitted from Ordinance

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19 **SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
20 **ABERDEEN**, that Sections 43-3 and 43-4 of the Code of the City of Aberdeen (2010 Edition as
21 amended), Chapter 43, Ethics, are repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:
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Chapter 43. ETHICS

§ 43-3. Conflicts of interest.

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E. Post-employment limitations and restrictions.

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- (2) Until the conclusion of the next regular term that begins after an elected official leaves office, a former member of the Council may not assist or represent another party for compensation, OR OTHERWISE ACT AS A LOBBYIST, in a matter that is the subject of legislative action.

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- K. A PERSON WHO IS REGULATED AS A LOBBYIST UNDER SECTION 3-107 MAY NOT, FOR A PERIOD OF ONE CALENDAR YEAR AFTER TERMINATING LOBBYING REGISTRATION, BECOME EMPLOYED BY THE TOWN FOR COMPENSATION OF MORE THAN \$30,000 PER YEAR AND, WHILE SO EMPLOYED, PARTICIPATE IN A CASE, CONTRACT OR OTHER SPECIFIC MATTER IN WHICH HE OR SHE PREVIOUSLY REPRESENTED ANOTHER PERSON IN CONNECTION WITH THAT MATTER WHILE REGISTERED AS A LOBBYIST.**

§ 43-4 Financial disclosure – local elected officials and candidates to be local elected officials.

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C. Public record.

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- (2) Financial disclosure statements shall be made available during normal office hours for examination and copying by the public subject to reasonable fees and administrative procedures established by the Ethics Commission. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, THE COMMISSION MAY NOT MAKE AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION AND COPYING BY THE PUBLIC ANY PORTION OF A FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT THAT CONTAINS THE HOME ADDRESS OF AN INDIVIDUAL.

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F. Contents of statement.

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(8) Sources of earned income.

(a) A statement filed under this section shall include a schedule of the name and address of each place of employment and of each business entity of which the individual or a member of the individual's immediate family was a sole or partial owner and from which the individual or member of the individual's immediate family received earned income, at any time during the reporting period.

(b) A minor child's employment or business ownership need not be disclosed if the agency that employs the individual does not regulate, exercise authority over, or contract with the place of employment or business entity of the minor child.

(c) FOR A STATEMENT FILED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2019, IF THE INDIVIDUAL'S SPOUSE IS A REGULATED LOBBYIST, THE STATEMENT SHALL INCLUDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ENTITY THAT HAS ENGAGED THE SPOUSE FOR LOBBYING PURPOSES.

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H. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION "INTEREST" DOES NOT INCLUDE A MUTUAL FUND OR EXCHANGE-TRADED FUND THAT IS PUBLICLY TRADED ON A NATIONAL SCALE UNLESS THE MUTUAL FUND OR EXCHANGE-TRADED FUND IS COMPOSED PRIMARILY OF HOLDINGS OF STOCKS AND INTERESTS IN A SPECIFIC SECTOR OR AREA THAT IS REGULATED BY THE INDIVIDUAL'S GOVERNMENTAL UNIT.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN that this Ordinance shall become effective (i) at the expiration of twenty (20) calendar days following adoption, or (ii) upon approval by the State Ethics Commission, whichever occurs last.

ADOPTED this 9th day of April, 2018.

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN


Patrick L. McGrady, Mayor


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ATTEST:

SEAL:


Monica A. Correll, City Clerk

Date

April 9, 2018