

City of Denton



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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Board of Ethics

CITY AUDITOR: Madison Rorschach

DATE: April 15, 2025

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton confirming the proposed amendments to the Board of Ethics' Rules of Procedure as required by the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article XI, Section 2-277(k) to align the parties' permission to legal counsel with the Code of Ordinances and clarify the evidentiary standard for Ethics Complaint hearings; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

City of Denton Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI (Ethics), Sec. 2-277 (i) states that the Board of Ethics may recommend amendments to Article XI (i.e. the Ethics Ordinance) to the City Council from time to time.

DISCUSSION

During its October 7, 2024, November 4, 2024, December 16, 2024, January 6, 2025, and February 10, 2025, meetings, the Board of Ethics reviewed the City of Denton's Ethics Ordinance and developed two proposals to amend the Ethics Ordinance. On March 4, 2025, these proposals were presented to the City Council during Work Session and direction was given to adopt the proposed changes as outlined in Exhibit 3.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

May 1, 2018: Ethics Ordinance Adopted by City Council

Jun. 2, 2020: Ethics Ordinance Amended by City Council based on Board of Ethics Recommendations

Jan. 25, 2022: Ethics Ordinance Amended by City Council to eliminate Member experience requirements

Jul. 19, 2022: Ethics Ordinance Amended by City Council based on Board of Ethics Recommendations

Jul. 18, 2023: Ethics Ordinance Amended by City Council based on Board of Ethics Recommendations

Dec. 12, 2023: Ethics Ordinance Amended by City Council to eliminate Alternate Members

Feb. 10, 2025: Board of Ethics voted to forward the attached Letter of Proposed Amendments to the City Council (6-0 with one absence)

Mar. 4, 2025: Proposed Amendments presented to the City Council; Direction given to adopt amendments

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Rules Of Procedures Ordinance
3. Rules Of Procedures Redlines

Respectfully submitted:

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