



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Board of Ethics  
**CITY AUDITOR:** Madison Rorschach  
**DATE:** July 14, 2025

### **SUBJECT**

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding City of Denton Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI (Ethics) Sec. 2-282(b) Sanctions.

### **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 the June 9, 2025, meeting of the Board of Ethics, the Board gave staff direction to bring back proposed changes to the Ethics Ordinance that included: (1) barring Complainants found to have submitted a Frivolous Complaint from submitting new Complaints for one year and (2) requiring Complainants who submitted a Frivolous Complaint to reimburse the Respondent for any legal fees incurred due to the submitted Complaint.

### **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  
Apr. 15, 2025: Ethics Ordinance Amended by City Council based on Board of Ethics Recommendations

### **EXHIBITS**

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Ethics Ordinance Draft Redlines

Respectfully submitted:  
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