



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Board of Ethics
CITY AUDITOR: Madison Rorschach
DATE: March 4, 2025

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding potential changes to the City of Denton Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI (Ethics) Sec. 2-269 Definitions, Sec. 2-277 Board of Ethics, and Sec. 2-281 Hearings.

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 as outlined in Exhibit 2. In addition, one minor verbiage change is recommended as a cleanup item. Redlines were reviewed by the Board of Ethics' outside counsel.

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)

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Letter of Proposed Amendments
3. Redlined Ethics Ordinance
4. Presentation

Respectfully submitted:
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