

City of Denton



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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Board of Ethics
CITY AUDITOR: Madison Rorschach
DATE: December 2, 2024

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. 2-272 Mandates, Sec. 2-273 Prohibitions, Sec. 2-277 Board of Ethics, and Sec. 2-281 Hearings.

BACKGROUND

On November 4, 2024, the Board of Ethics gave direction to staff to present potential ordinance changes for the Board's review based on language proposed by Chair Ramsay (attached for reference as Exhibit 3).

DISCUSSION

Potential redline changes based on items 1 through 7, and 9 from Chair Ramsay's proposal are attached as Exhibit 3 for discussion by the Board. Redlines regarding Item 8, "Add: City council members should not contact Board of Ethics members about BoE matters" has not been included in the redlines due Staff to concerns regarding potential freedom of speech violations.

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

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Ethics Ordinance Redlines
3. Ramsay Ordinance Changes Proposal

Respectfully submitted:
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