



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Internal Audit  
**CITY AUDITOR:** Madison Rorschach  
**DATE:** March 21, 2023

### **SUBJECT**

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding proposals from the Board of Ethics to amend the Ethics Ordinance and the Board of Ethics' Rules of Procedure.

### **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**

Over the last year, the Board of Ethics has reviewed the City of Denton's Ethics Ordinance and the Board's Rules of Procedure. During this time, the Board developed nine proposals to amend the Ethics Ordinance and Board of Ethics Rules of Procedure as outlined in Exhibit 2. In addition, two minor verbiage changes are recommended as clean up items.

### **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)**

The Ethics Ordinance was first adopted by the City Council on May 1, 2018. Based on recommendations made by the Board of Ethics, the Ethics Ordinance was amended on June 2, 2020 by the City Council. On January 25, 2022, the Ethics Ordinance was amended by the City Council to remove the requirement that preference be given to certain professions for service on the Board. Based on recommendations made by the Board of Ethics, the Ethics Ordinance was amended on July 19, 2022 by the City Council.

On March 6, 2023 the Board of Ethics voted to forward the attached Letter of Proposed Amendments to the City Council (7-0).

### **EXHIBITS**

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Letter of Proposed Amendments
3. Redlined Ethics Ordinance
4. Redlined Board of Ethics Rules of Procedure
5. Presentation
6. Informal Staff Report – Proposal Background & Research

Respectfully submitted:  
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