

## BILL/ RESOLUTION REQUEST

- 1. Title:** Amends various Subsections of Chapter 2, Sections 2-51 through 2-65, of the Revised Municipal Code (Code of Ethics) to clarify certain items, to require city departments to share information with the Board of Ethics regarding violations of the Code of Ethics and to change the process by which the Board of Ethics could deal with unsigned complaints.
  
- 2. Requesting Agency:** Board of Ethics
  
- 3. Contact Person *with actual knowledge of proposed ordinance***  
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- 4. Contact Person *with actual knowledge of proposed ordinance who will present the item at Mayor Council and who will be available for first and second reading, if necessary***  
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- 5. Describe the proposed ordinance, including what the proposed ordinance is intended to accomplish, who's involved**
  - a. Scope of Work**

A bill for an ordinance amending various Subsections of Chapter 2, Sections 2-51 through 2-65, of the Revised Municipal Code (Code of Ethics) to clarify certain items, to require city departments to share information with the Board of Ethics regarding violations of the Code of Ethics and to change the process by which the Board of Ethics could deal with unsigned complaints.
  - b. Duration**

n/a
  - c. Location**

n/a
  - d. Affected Council District**

citywide
  - e. Benefits**

This will assist the City to learn about and discourage and deal with official misconduct.
  - f. Costs**

n/a
  
- 6. Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance, groups or individuals who may have concerns about it? Please explain.**

**In the past, City Council members have not wished to allow the Board of Ethics to deal with unsigned complaints. The Board of Ethics believes that there are good reasons to allow (not require) the Board of Ethics to consider unsigned complaints. Many citizens and city personnel express fear of retaliation if they file complaints. Consideration of unsigned complaints is a best practice among large public and private organizations concerned about ethics and compliance. This amendment would allow the board of ethics to consider during the screening phase the credibility, seriousness and provability of an unsigned complaint in deciding whether to process it or not. The board of ethics would also use the criteria currently in the code, such as jurisdictional subject matter and whether the alleged action took place within 2 years of the date of filing the complaint.)**

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**Date: 10/7/2011**