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ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2 OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, 2020, AS AMENDED, PERTAINING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE, BY AMENDING SECTION 2-37, TO REVISE THE CURRENT GIFT DISCLOSURE REGULATIONS FOR CITY COUNCILORS TO REQUIRE THE FILING ON AN ANNUAL INSTEAD OF A SEMI-ANNUAL BASIS, WITH A DISCLOSURE THRESHOLD OF \$600 ANNUALLY INSTEAD OF \$300 SEMI-ANNUALLY, AND TO SET THE DISCLOSURE FILING DEADLINE AS FEBRUARY 1 FOR GIFTS RECEIVED IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY:

SECTION 1. That Section 2-37 of Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2

ADMINISTRATION

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ARTICLE II

COUNCIL

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DIVISION 2. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

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§ 2-37. Disclosure of certain gifts received and accepted by the Mayor or a Councilmember.

(a) As used in this section:

- (1) "*Gift*" shall mean a voluntary transfer of property, real or personal, or services provided to another gratuitously and without consideration, including but not limited to money, travel expenses, tickets, meals and personal services.

- (2) *"Economic interest"* shall mean a personal financial interest in a City or City-beneficiary public trust purchase, sale, lease, contract, option, or other transaction or arrangement involving property or services when the person who has the economic interest is taking action to influence the City or public trust purchase, sale, lease, contract, option, or other transaction or arrangement involving property or services.
 - (3) *"First degree of consanguinity"* shall mean the Mayor's or Councilmember's parents, children and their spouses.
 - (4) *"First degree of affinity"* shall mean the Mayor's or Councilmember's spouse, spouse's parents and spouse's children.
 - (5) *"Second degree of consanguinity"* shall mean the Mayor's or Councilmember's grandparents, grandchildren, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, brother, sister and their spouses.
 - (6) *"Second degree of affinity"* shall mean the grandparents, grandchildren, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, brother and sister of the spouse of the Mayor or Councilmember.
- (b) Beginning on ~~December 1, 2014~~ February 1, 2023 ~~and on June 1~~ and then on December-February 1 of every year occurring thereafter, the Mayor and each Councilmember shall file a written disclosure statement with the City Clerk, on a form provided by the City Clerk, listing all gifts received and accepted by the Mayor or Councilmember from any single person, or from any agent or employee of such person, during the preceding ~~six (6) months~~ calendar year, if such gifts, in the aggregate, exceed a value of more than ~~three~~ six hundred dollars (~~\$300~~600.00) and if the Mayor or Councilmember accepting such gifts knows or should know that such person, or the agent or employee on behalf of such person:
- (1) is seeking to do business or is doing business with the City or any public trust with the City as its beneficiary; or
 - (2) has an economic interest in actions or matters before or affecting the City or any public trust with the City as its beneficiary.
- (c) The disclosure required by this section shall include: (i) the nature of each gift, (ii) the approximate value of each gift, and (iii) the identity of the person, or the agent or contractor of such person, who tenders the gift. The disclosures required by this section shall be filed on a form provided by the City Clerk.
- (d) This section shall not apply to the following:
- (1) Election campaign contributions, as defined by Oklahoma law, donated to or for the benefit of the Mayor or Councilmember.

- (2) Gifts given to the Mayor or Councilmember by his or her relative in the first or second degree of consanguinity or first or second degree of affinity.
 - (3) Any property or services received and accepted by the Mayor or Councilmember in exchange for lawful consideration.
 - (4) Any property or services received and accepted by the Mayor or Councilmember from the City, from any City-beneficiary public trust, or from any officer, employee, agent, or contractor of the City or City-beneficiary public trust if such property or services are tendered for the purpose of facilitating the performance of the official duties and/or the public services performed by the Mayor or Councilmember on behalf of the City, the City-beneficiary public trust, or the public.
- (e) Failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall constitute a violation of this Code. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a Class "a" offense as provided in Section 1-6 of this Code.

INTRODUCED and CONSIDERED in open meeting of the Council of The City of Oklahoma City on this 21st day of June, 2022.

PASSED by the Council of The City of Oklahoma City this ____ day of _____, 2022.

SIGNED by the Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City on this ____ day of _____, 2022.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

REVIEWED for form and legality.



MUNICIPAL COUNSELOR