

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 2-7-27 (LIMITS ON THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION) REGARDING THE LIST OF CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OVER WHICH THE ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION HAS JURISDICTION FOR CERTAIN COMPLAINTS; AND AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 2-7-71 (DEFINITIONS) REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF CITY OFFICIALS AS THAT TERM IS USED IN ARTICLE 5 (FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES) OF CITY CODE CHAPTER 2-7 (ETHICS AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE).

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

PART 1. City Code Section 2-7-27 (*Limits on the Commission's Jurisdiction*) is amended to read:

Notwithstanding any other provision of the City Code, the Ethics Review Commission may ~~[not]~~only hear or initiate a sworn complaint alleging a violation of Article 4 (*Code of Ethics*) against ~~[an employee described in Section 2-3-5(L)(2), including a member of the City's classified municipal civil service system or a member of a state civil service system]~~a member of the city council or their direct staff; a person appointed by the city council pursuant to the City Charter; or a person appointed by the city council to a City board, task force, or similar body.

PART 2. Subsection (1) of City Code Section 2-7-71(*Definitions*) is amended to read:

(1)CITY OFFICIAL means the mayor, members of the city council and their aides, ~~[M]municipal [C]ourt [J]judges~~ (including ~~[S]substitute [J]judges~~), city manager, deputy city manager, ~~[A]assistant city managers, chief of staff to the city manager,~~ city clerk, ~~[D]deputy city clerks,~~ city attorney, ~~[D]deputy city attorneys,~~ ~~[T]treasurer, [C]comptroller, [C]city [A]auditor, [P]purchasing [O]officer,~~ the initial and subsequent commissioners of the Conventions and Visitors Commission, ~~[members of the Community Police Review Commission,]~~all department heads, deputy department heads, ~~[and where no deputy department head serves, the first principal assistant of such department,]~~[purchasing agents and those employees with the authority to purchase or contract for the City,] any other executive employees or employees as designated by the ~~[C]city~~ ~~[M]manager~~

~~[through an administrative bulletin]~~, and spouses of each, and spouses of and the members of the City boards and commissions described in Section 2-7-72(C) (*Reports*). City appointees to other governmental bodies may be required to file financial information statements without being deemed City officials under Section 2-7-2 (*Definitions*).

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2025.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2025

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Kirk Watson
Mayor

APPROVED: _____
Deborah Thomas
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Erika Brady
City Clerk