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For the purposes of this chapter, the term:

- (1) "Administrative decision" means any activity directly related to action by an executive agency to issue a Mayor's order, to cause to be undertaken a rulemaking proceeding (which does not include a formal public hearing) under Chapter 5 of Title 2, or to propose legislation or make nominations to the Council, the President, or Congress.
- (2) "Administrative Procedure Act" means Chapter 5 of Title 2.
- (3) "Affiliated organization" means:
 - (A) An organization or entity:
 - (i) In which the employee serves as officer, director, trustee, general partner, or employee;
 - (ii) In which the employee or member of the employee's household is a director, officer, owner, employee, or holder of stock worth \$1,000 or more at fair market value; or
 - (iii) That is a client of the employee or a member of the employee's household; or
 - (B) A person with whom the employee is negotiating for or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment.
- (4) "Business" means any corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, firm, nonprofit corporation, enterprise, franchise, association, organization, self-employed individual, holding company, joint stock, trust, and any legal entity through which business is conducted, whether for profit or not.
- (5) "Business with which he or she is associated" means any business of which the person or member of his or her household is a director, officer, owner, employee, or holder of stock worth \$1,000 or more at fair market value, and any business that is a client of that person.
- (6) "Candidate" means an individual who seeks nomination for election, or election, to office, whether or not the individual is nominated or elected. For the purposes of this paragraph, an individual shall be deemed to seek nomination for election, or election, if the individual:
 - (A) Obtained or authorized any other person to obtain nominating petitions to qualify himself or

herself for nomination for election, or election, to office;

(B) Received contributions or made expenditures, or has given consent to any other person to receive contributions or make expenditures, with a view to bringing about his or her nomination for election, or election, to office; or

(C) Knows, or has reason to know, that any other person has received contributions or made expenditures for that purpose, and has not notified that person in writing to cease receiving contributions or making expenditures for that purpose; provided, that an individual shall not be deemed a candidate if the individual notifies each person who has received contributions or made expenditures that the individual is only testing the waters, has not yet made any decision whether to seek nomination or election to public office, and is not a candidate. An individual deemed to be a candidate for the purposes of this chapter shall not be deemed, solely by reason of that status, to be a candidate for the purposes of any other law.

(7) "Code of Conduct" means those provisions contained in the following:

(A) The Code of Official Conduct of the Council of the District of Columbia, as adopted by the Council;

(B) Sections 1-618.01 through 1-618.02;

(C) Chapter 7 of Title 2;

(D) Section 2-354.16;

(E) Chapter 18 of Title 6B of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations;

(F) Parts C, D, and E of subchapter II, and part F of subchapter III of this chapter for the purpose of enforcement by the Elections Board of violations of § 1-1163.38 that are subject to the penalty provisions of § 1-1162.21.

(8) "Commodity" means commodity as defined in section 1a of the Commodity Exchange Act, approved September 21, 1922 (42 Stat. 998; 7 U.S.C. § 1a).

(9) "Compensation" means any money or an exchange of value received, regardless of its form, by a person acting as a lobbyist.

(10)(A) "Contribution" means

(i) A gift, subscription (including any assessment, fee, or membership dues), loan (except a loan made in the regular course of business by a business engaged in the business of making loans), advance, or deposit of money or anything of value, made for the purpose of financing, directly or indirectly,:

(I) The election campaign of a candidate;

(II) Any operations of a political, exploratory, inaugural, transition, or legal defense committee; or

(III) The campaign to obtain signatures on any initiative, referendum, or recall measure, or to bring about the ratification or defeat of any initiative, referendum, or recall measure, or any operations of a political committee involved in such a campaign;

(ii) A contract, promise, or agreement, whether or not legally enforceable, to make a contribution for any such purpose;

(iii) A transfer of funds between political committees or between an exploratory committee and a political committee; or

(iv) The payment, by any person other than a candidate or a political, exploratory, inaugural, transition, or legal defense committee, of compensation for the personal services of another person that are rendered to such candidate or committee without charge, or for less than reasonable value, for any such purpose or the furnishing of goods, advertising, or services to a candidate's campaign

without charge, or at a rate which is less than the rate normally charged for such services.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the term "contribution" shall not be construed to include:

- (i) Services provided without compensation by a person (including an accountant or an attorney) volunteering a portion or all of the person's time on behalf of a candidate or a political, exploratory, inaugural, transition, or legal defense committee;
- (ii) Personal services provided without compensation by a person volunteering a portion or all of the person's time to a candidate or a political, exploratory, inaugural, or legal defense committee;
- (iii) Communications by an organization, other than a political party, solely to its members and their families on any subject;
- (iv) Communications (including advertisements) to any person on any subject by any organization that is organized solely as an issue-oriented organization, which communications neither endorse nor oppose any candidate for office;
- (v) Normal billing credit for a period not exceeding 30 days;
- (vi) Services of an informational or polling nature, and related thereto, designed to seek the opinion (s) of voters concerning the possible candidacy of a qualified elector for public office, before such qualified elector's becoming a candidate;
- (vii) The use of real or personal property, and the costs of invitations, food, and beverages voluntarily provided by a person to a candidate in rendering voluntary personal services on the person's residential premises for related activities; provided, that expenses do not exceed \$500 with respect to the candidate's election; and
- (viii) The sale of any food or beverage by a vendor for use in a candidate's campaign at a charge less than the normal comparable charge, if the charge for use in a candidate's campaign is at least equal to the cost of such food or beverage to the vendor; provided, that expenses do not exceed \$500 with respect to the candidate's election.

(11) "Direct and predictable effect" means there is:

- (A) A close causal link between any decision or action to be taken in the matter and any expected effect of the matter on the financial interest;
- (B) A real, as opposed to a speculative possibility, that the matter will affect the financial interest; and
- (C) The effect is more than *de minimis*.

(12) "Director of Campaign Finance" means the Director of Campaign Finance of the Elections Board created by § 1-1163.02.

(13) "Director of Government Ethics" means the Director of Government Ethics created by § 1-1162.06.

(14) "Domestic partner" shall have the same meaning as provided in § 32-701(3).

(15) "Election" means a primary, general, or special election held in the District of Columbia for the purpose of nominating an individual to be a candidate for election to office, or for the purpose of electing a candidate to office, or for the purpose of deciding an initiative, referendum, or recall measure, and includes a convention or caucus of a political party held for the purpose of nominating such a candidate.

(16) "Election Code" means subchapter I of Chapter 10 of this title.

(17) "Elections Board" means the District of Columbia Board of Elections established under the Election Code, and redesignated by § 1-1163.05.

(18) "Employee" means, unless otherwise apparent from the context, a person who performs a function of the District government and who receives compensation for the performance of such services, or a member of a District government board or commission, whether or not for compensation.

(19) "Ethics Board" means the District of Columbia Board of Ethics and Government Accountability established by § 1-1162.02.

(20) "Executive agency" means:

(A) A department, agency, or office in the executive branch of the District government under the direct administrative control of the Mayor;

(B) The State Board of Education or any of its constituent elements;

(C) The University of the District of Columbia or any of its constituent elements;

(D) The Elections Board; and

(E) Any District professional licensing and examining board under the administrative control of the executive branch.

(21)(A) "Expenditure" means:

(i) A purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money or anything of value, made for the purpose of financing, directly or indirectly,:

(I) The election campaign of a candidate;

(II) Any operations of a political, exploratory, inaugural, transition, or legal defense committee; or

(III) The election campaign to obtain signatures on any initiative, referendum, or recall petition, or to bring about the ratification or defeat of any initiative, referendum, or recall measure, or any operations of a political committee involved in such a campaign;

(ii) A contract, promise, or agreement, whether or not legally enforceable, to make an expenditure;

(iii) A transfer of funds between political committees or between an exploratory committee and a political committee; and

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the term "expenditure" shall not be construed to include the incidental expenses (as defined by the Elections Board or Ethics Board) made by or on behalf of a person in the course of volunteering that person's time on behalf of a candidate or a political, exploratory, inaugural, transition, or legal defense committee or the use of real or personal property and the cost of invitations, food, or beverages voluntarily provided by a person to a candidate in rendering voluntary personal services on the person's residential premises for candidate-related activity if the aggregate value of such activities by such person on behalf of any candidate does not exceed \$ 500 with respect to any election.

(22) "Exploratory committee" means any person, or group of persons, organized for the purpose of examining or exploring the feasibility of becoming a candidate for an elective office in the District.

(23) "Gift" means a payment, subscription, advance, forbearance, rendering, or deposit of money, services, or anything of value, unless consideration of equal or greater value is received. The term "gift" shall not include:

(A) A political contribution otherwise reported as required by law;

(B) A commercially reasonable loan made in the ordinary course of business; or

(C) A gift received from a member of the person's immediate family.

(24) "Home Rule Act" means Chapter 2 of this title.

(25) "Household" means a public official or employee and any member of his or her immediate family with whom the public official or employee resides.

(26) "Immediate family" means the spouse or domestic partner of a public official or employee and any parent, grandparent, brother, sister, or child of the public official or employee, and the spouse or domestic partner of any such parent, grandparent, brother, sister, or child.

(27) "Inaugural committee" means a person, or group of persons, organized for the purpose of soliciting, accepting, and spending funds and coordinating activities to celebrate the election of a new Mayor.

(28) "Income" means gross income as defined in section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. § 61).

(29) "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, approved August 16, 1954 (68A Stat. 3; 26 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*), and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, approved October 22, 1986 (100 Stat. 2085; 26 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*), as amended from time to time.

(30) "Legal defense committee" means a person or group of persons, organized for the purpose of soliciting, accepting, and expending funds to defray the professional fees and costs for a public official's legal defense to one or more civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings.

(31) "Legislative action" includes any activity conducted by an official in the legislative branch in the course of carrying out his or her duties as such an official, and relating to the introduction, passage, or defeat of any legislation in the Council.

(32)(A) "Lobbying" means communicating directly with any official in the legislative or executive branch of the District government with the purpose of influencing any legislative action or an administrative decision.

(B) The term "lobbying" shall not include:

(i) The appearance or presentation of written testimony by a person on his or her own behalf, or representation by an attorney on behalf of any such person in a rulemaking (which includes a formal public hearing), rate-making, or adjudicatory hearing before an executive agency or the Tax Assessor;

(ii) Information supplied in response to written inquiries by an executive agency, the Council, or any public official;

(iii) Inquiries concerning only the status of specific actions by an executive agency or the Council;

(iv) Testimony given before the Council or a committee of the Council, during which a public record is made of such proceedings or testimony submitted for inclusion in such a public record;

(v) A communication made through the instrumentality of a newspaper, television, or radio of general circulation, or a publication whose primary audience is the organization's membership; and

(vi) Communications by a bona fide political party.

(33)(A) "Lobbyist" means any person who engages in lobbying.

(B) Public officials communicating directly or soliciting others to communicate with other public officials shall not be deemed lobbyists for the purposes of this chapter; provided, that a public official does not receive compensation in addition to his or her salary for such communication or solicitation and makes such communication and solicitation in his or her official capacity.

(34) "Merit Personnel Act" means Chapter 6 of this title.

(35) "Office" means the office of Mayor, Attorney General, Chairman of the Council, member of the Council, member of the State Board of Education, or an official of a political party.

(36) "Official in the executive branch" means:

(A) The Mayor;

(B) Any officer or employee in the Executive Service;

(C) Persons employed under the authority of §§ 1-609.01 through 1-609.03 (except § 1-609.03(a)(3)) paid at a rate of DS-13 or above in the General Schedule or equivalent compensation under the provisions of subchapter XI of Chapter 6 of this title designated in § 1-609.08 (except paragraphs (9) and (10) of that section); or

(D) Members of boards and commissions designated in § 1-523.01(e).

(37) "Official in the legislative branch" means any candidate for Chairman or member of the Council in a primary, special, or general election, the Chairman or Chairman-elect or any member or member-elect of the Council, officers, and employees of the Council appointed under the authority of §§ 1-609.01 through 1-609.03 or designated in § 1-609.08.

(38) "Official of a political party" means:

(A) National committeemen and national committeewomen;

(B) Delegates to conventions of political parties nominating candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency of the United States;

(C) Alternates to the officials referred to in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph, where permitted by political party rules; and

(D) Such members and officials of local committees of political parties as may be designated by the duly authorized local committees of such parties for election, by public ballot, at large or by ward in the District.

(39) "Open Government Office" means the District of Columbia Open Government Office established by § 2-592.

(40) "Open Meetings Act" means subchapter IV of Chapter 5 of Title 2.

(41) "Particular matter" is limited to meaning a deliberation, decision, or action that is focused upon the interests of specific persons, or a discrete and identifiable class of persons.

(42) "Person" means an individual, partnership, committee, corporation, labor organization, and any other organization.

(43) "Person closely affiliated with the employee" means a spouse, dependent child, general partner, a member of the employee's household, or an affiliated organization.

(44) "Political committee" means any proposer, individual, committee (including a principal campaign committee), club, association, organization, or other group of individuals organized for the purpose of, or engaged in promoting or opposing:

(A) A political party;

(B) The nomination or election of a person to office; or

(C) Any initiative, referendum, or recall.

(45) "Political party" means an association, committee, or organization that nominates a candidate for election to any office and qualifies under subchapter I of Chapter 10 of this title to have the names of its nominees appear on the election ballot as the candidate of that association, committee, or organization.

(46) "Prohibited source" means any person that:

(A) Has or is seeking to obtain contractual or other business or financial relations with the District government;

(B) Conducts operations or activities that are subject to regulation by the District government; or

(C) Has an interest that may be favorably affected by the performance or non-performance of the employee's official responsibilities.

(47) "Public official" means:

(A) A candidate for nomination for election, or election, to public office;

(B) The Mayor, Chairman, and each member of the Council of the District of Columbia holding office under Chapter 2 of this title;

(C) The Attorney General;

(D) A Representative or Senator elected pursuant to § 1-123;

(E) An Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner;

(F) A member of the State Board of Education;

(G) A person serving as a subordinate agency head in a position designated as within the Executive Service;

(H) A member of a board or commission listed in § 1-523.01(e); and

(I) A District of Columbia Excepted Service employee paid at a rate of Excepted Service 9 or above, or its equivalent, who makes decisions or participates substantially in areas of contracting, procurement, administration of grants or subsidies, developing policies, land use planning, inspecting, licensing, regulating, or auditing, or acts in areas of responsibility that may create a conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict of interest; and any additional employees designated by rule by the Ethics Board who make decisions or participate substantially in areas of contracting, procurement, administration of grants or subsidies, developing policies, land use planning, inspecting, licensing, regulating, or auditing, or act in areas of responsibility that may create a conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict of interest.

(48) "Registrant" means a person who is required to register as a lobbyist under the provisions of § 1-1162.27.

(49) "Security" means a security as defined in section 2(1) of the Securities Act of 1933, approved May 27, 1933 (48 Stat. 74; 15 U.S.C. § 77b(1)).

(50) "Tax" means the taxes imposed under Chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code, under Chapter 18 of Title 47, and under the District of Columbia Public Works Act of 1954, approved May 18, 1954 (68 Stat. 101; D.C. Official Code § 34-2101 *passim*); and any other provision of law relating to the taxation of property within the District.

(51) "Transactions in securities or commodities" means any acquisition, holding, withholding, use, transfer, or other disposition involving any security or commodity.

(52) "Transition committee" means any person, or group of persons, organized for the purpose of soliciting, accepting, or expending funds for office and personnel transition on behalf of the Chairman of the Council or the Mayor.

CREDIT(S)

(Apr. 27, 2012, D.C. Law 19-124, § 101, 59 DCR 1862.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Legislative History of Laws

Law 19-124, the "Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011", was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 19-511, which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on December 6, 2011, and December 20, 2011, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on February 27, 2012, it was assigned Act No. 19-318 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review. D.C. Law 19-124 became effective on April 27, 2012.

References in Text

The District of Columbia Public Works Act of 1954, referenced in paragraph (50) of this section, is primarily codified at § 9-101.16, subchapter I of Chapter 21 of Title 34, Chapter 23 of Title 34, §§ 34-2401.04, 34-2401.25, and 34-2405.02, subchapter IV of Chapter 24 of Title 34, and §50-1501.02 and 50-1501.03.

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SUBCHAPTER II. ETHICS ACT
PART C. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

D.C. Code § 1-1162.23 (2013)

§ 1-1162.23. Conflicts of interest

(a) No employee shall use his or her official position or title, or personally and substantially participate, through decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, the rendering of advice, investigation, or otherwise, in a judicial or other proceeding, application, request for a ruling or other determination, contract, claim, controversy, charge, accusation, arrest, or other particular matter, or attempt to influence the outcome of a particular matter, in a manner that the employee knows is likely to have a direct and predictable effect on the employee's financial interests or the financial interests of a person closely affiliated with the employee.

(b) An employee other than an elected official may seek a waiver, and the prohibition in subsection (a) of this section shall not apply, if the employee:

(1) Advises the employee's supervisor and the Ethics Board of the nature and circumstances of the particular matter;

(2) Makes full disclosure of the financial interest; and

(3) Receives in advance a written determination made by both the supervisor and the Ethics Board that:

(A) The interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services that the government may expect from the employee; or

(B) Another legally cognizable basis for waiver exists.

(c) (1) Any elected official who, in the discharge of the elected official's official duties, would be required to act in any matter prohibited under subsection (a) of this section shall make full disclosure of the financial interest, prepare a written statement describing the matter and the nature of the potential conflict of interest, and deliver the statement to:

(A) In the case of a member of the Council, the Council Chairman; or

(B) In the case of an elected official other than a member of the Council, the Ethics Board.

(2) Any employee other than an elected official who, in the discharge of the employee's official duties, would be required to act in any matter prohibited under subsection (a) of this section shall:

(A) Make full disclosure of the financial interest:

(B) Prepare a written statement describing the matter and the nature of the potential conflict of interest; and

(C) Deliver the statement to the employee's supervisor and to the Ethics Board.

(3) During a proceeding in which an elected official would be required to take action in any matter that is prohibited under subsection (a) of this section, the Chairman shall:

(A) Read the statement provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection into the record of proceedings; and

(B) Excuse the elected official from votes, deliberations, and other actions on the matter.

(4) No Councilmember excused from votes, deliberations, or other actions on a matter shall in any way participate in or attempt to influence the outcome of the particular matter, in a manner that is likely to have a direct and predictable effect on the employee's financial interests or the financial interests of a person closely affiliated with the employee.

(5) Upon receipt of the statement provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the employee's supervisor shall assign the matter to another employee who does not have a potential conflict of interest.

(d) (1) An employee shall not receive any compensation, salary, or contribution to salary, gratuity, or any other thing of value from a source other than the District government for the employee's performance of official duties.

(2) No employee or member of the employee's household may knowingly acquire:

(A) Stocks, bonds, commodities, real estate, or other property, whether held individually or jointly, the acquisition of which could unduly influence or give the appearance of unduly influencing the employee in the conduct of his or her official duties and responsibilities; or

(B) An interest in a business or commercial enterprise that is related directly to the employee's official duties, or which might otherwise be involved in an official action taken or recommended by the employee, or which is related to matters over which the employee could wield any influence, official or otherwise.

HISTORY: Apr. 27, 2012, D.C. Law 19-124, § 223, 59 DCR 1862.

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PART D . FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES AND HONORARIA

D.C. Code § 1-1162.24 (2013)

§ 1-1162.24. Public reporting

(a) (1) Public officials, except Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, shall file annually with the Ethics Board a public report containing a full and complete statement of:

(A) The name of each business entity, including sole proprietorships, partnerships, trusts, nonprofit organizations, and corporations, whether or not transacting any business with the District of Columbia government, in or from which the public official or his or her spouse, domestic partner, or dependent children:

(i) Has a beneficial interest, including, whether held in such person's own name, in trust, or in the name of a nominee, securities, stocks, stock options, bonds, or trusts, exceeding in the aggregate \$ 1,000, or that produced income of \$ 200;

(ii) Receives honoraria and income earned for services rendered in excess of \$ 200 during a calendar year, as well as the identity of any client for whom the official performed a service in connection with the official's outside income if the client has a contract with the government of the District of Columbia or the client stands to gain a direct financial benefit from legislation that was pending before the Council during the calendar year. The report required by this part shall include a narrative description of the nature of the service performed in connection with the official's outside income;

(iii) Serves as an officer, director, partner, employee, consultant, contractor, volunteer, or in any other formal capacity or affiliation; or

(iv) Has an agreement or arrangement for a leave of absence, future employment, including date of agreement, or continuation of payment by a former employer;

(B) Any outstanding individual liability in excess of \$ 1,000 for borrowing by the public official or his or her spouse, domestic partner, or dependent children from anyone other than a federal or state insured or regulated financial institution, including any revolving credit and installment accounts from any business enterprise regularly engaged in the business of providing revolving credit or installment accounts, or a member of the person's immediate family;

(C) All real property located in the District (and its actual location) in which the public official or his or her spouse, domestic partner, or dependent children, has an interest with a fair market value in excess of \$ 1,000, or that produced income of \$ 200; provided, that this provision shall not apply to personal residences occupied by the public official, his or her spouse, or domestic partner;

(D) All professional or occupational licenses issued by the District of Columbia government held by a public official or his or her spouse, domestic partner, or dependent children;

(E) All gifts received year by a public official from a prohibited source in an aggregate value of \$

100 in a calendar;

(F) An affidavit stating that the public official has not caused title to property to be placed in another person or entity for the purposes of avoiding the disclosure requirements of this subsection; and

(G) A certification that the public official has:

(i) Filed and paid his or her income and property taxes;

(ii) Diligently safeguarded the assets of the taxpayers and the District;

(iii) Reported known illegal activity, including attempted bribes, to the appropriate authorities;

(iv) Not been offered or accepted any bribes;

(v) Not directly or indirectly received government funds through illegal or improper means;

(vi) Not raised or received funds in violation of federal or District law; and

(vii) Not received or been given anything of value, including a gift, favor, service, loan gratuity, discount, hospitality, political contribution, or promise of future employment, based on any understanding that the public official's official actions or judgment or vote would be influenced.

(2) The Ethics Board may, on a case-by-case basis, exempt a public official from this requirement or some portion of this requirement for good cause shown.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by this section, all papers filed under this section shall be kept by the Ethics Board in the custody of the Director of Government Ethics for no less than 6 years. The Ethics Board shall publicly disclose before the 2nd day of June each year the names of the candidates, officers, and employees who have filed a report. The Director of Government Ethics shall dispose of papers filed pursuant to this section in accordance with Chapter 17 of Title 2.

(c) Reports required by this section shall be filed before May 15th of each year. If a public official ceases before May 15th to hold the office or position, the occupancy of which imposes upon him or her the reporting requirements set forth in subsection (a) of this section, the public official shall file the report within 3 months after leaving the office or position. The Ethics Board shall publish, in the District of Columbia Register, before June 15th each year, the name of each public official who has:

(1) Filed a report under this section;

(2) Sought and received an extension of the deadline filing requirement and the reason for the extension; and

(3) Not filed a report and the reason for not filing, if known.

(d) Reports required by this section shall be in a form prescribed by the Ethics Board. The Ethics Board may provide for the grouping of items of income, sources of income, assets, liabilities, dealings in securities or commodities, and purchases and sales of real property, when separate itemization is not feasible or is not necessary for an accurate disclosure of the income, net worth, dealing in securities and commodities, or purchases and sales of rental property of any individual.

(e) All reports filed under this section shall be maintained by the Ethics Board as public records.

(f) For the purposes of a report required by this section, a person shall be considered to have been a public official if he or she has served as a public official for more than 30 days during any calendar year in a position for which reports are required under this section.

(g) The Ethics Board shall provide for the annual auditing of all reports filed pursuant to this section.

(h) The Mayor shall develop a list of each business entity transacting any business with the District government, or providing a service to the District for consideration, to include the business name, address, principals, and brief summary of the business transacted within the immediately preceding 6 months. The list shall be available online and published on January 1st and July 1st annually.

HISTORY: Apr. 27, 2012, D.C. Law 19-124, § 224, 59 DCR 1862; Sept. 20, 2012, D.C. Law 19-168, § 1072(a), 59 DCR 8025.

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D.C. Code § 1-1162.25 (2013)

§ 1-1162.25. Confidential disclosure of financial interest

(a) Any employee, other than a public official, who advises, makes decisions or participates substantially in areas of contracting, procurement, administration of grants or subsidies, developing policies, land use planning, inspecting, licensing, policy-making, regulating, or auditing, or acts in areas of responsibility that may create a conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict of interest, as determined by the appropriate agency head, shall file, before May 15th of each year, with that agency head a report containing a full and complete statement of the information required by § 1-1162.24. Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners shall file the report required by this section.

(b) Upon review of the confidential report, any violation of the Code of Conduct found by the agency head shall be forwarded immediately to the Ethics Board for review.

(c) On or before April 15th of each year, each agency head shall designate the persons in the agency required to submit a confidential report by name, position, and grade level, and shall supply this list to the Ethics Board and the D.C. Ethics Counselor on or before May 1st of each year.

HISTORY: Apr. 27, 2012, D.C. Law 19-124, § 225, 59 DCR 1862; Sept. 20, 2012, D.C. Law 19-168, § 1072(b), 59 DCR 8025.