ORDINANCE No. 181204

Clarify Existing Provisions and Change Reporting Threshold for Lobbying Regulations. (Ordinance; amend Code Chapter 2.12)

The City of Portland Ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1 On December 21, 2005, the City passed Ordinance No. 179843 requiring registration of and reporting by Lobbying Entities and City Officials.

2 On November 22, 2006, the City passed Ordinance No. 180620 to amend the regulation of Lobbying Entities and City Officials to clarify definitions, scope and exemptions.

3 The Council adopts as its findings and incorporates into this Ordinance the findings of Ordinance 179843 and Ordinance 180620.

4 On June 20, 2007, Commissioner Adams offered a report to council, which addressed the first 12 months of implementation. The Council accepted this report.

5 Lobbying Entities have requested additional clarity in code sections defining registration and reporting requirements.

6 To increase transparency in City decision making, the reporting threshold should be decreased from 16 hours to eight hours.

7 The Council believes that the reporting requirements provide important and helpful information to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

a. City Code Subsection 2.12.020 G.4 is amended as follows:

> **4.** Time spent submitting a bid, responding to related information requests, <u>and</u> negotiating terms on a competitively bid contract~~.~~ <u>or intergovernmental agreement</u>.

[The remainder of this Subsection is unchanged.]

b. City Code Subsection 2.12.020 I is amended as follows:

I. "Lobbyist" means~~:1. A~~ any individual who is authorized to lobby on behalf of a lobbying entity ~~for money or any other consideration~~.

~~**2**. Any individual not otherwise subject to subsection 2.12.020 J.1. I.1. who is authorized to lobby on behalf of a lobbying entity.~~

c. City Code Subsection 2.12.030 A is amended as follows:

A. Within three working days after a lobbying entity has spent~~ds~~ ~~a cumulative total of more than~~ ~~16~~ 8 hours or more or estimates that it has spent ~~more than a~~ cumulative ~~total of~~ ~~16~~ 8 hours or more during any calendar quarter lobbying, the lobbying entity shall register with the City Auditor by filing with the Auditor a statement containing the following information:

[The remainder of this Subsection is unchanged.]

d. City Code Subsection 2.12.030 C is amended as follows:

C. Registrations shall expire December 31 of every year. Lobbying entities shall renew their registrations once the ~~16~~ 8-hour threshold has been reached in each calendar year.

e. City Code Subsection 2.12.040 A. is amended as follows:

A. A lobbying entity registered with the City Auditor or required to register with the City Auditor shall file a report, if the lobbying entity has spent an estimated ~~16~~ 8 hours or more during the preceding calendar quarter lobbying, with the City Auditor, by April 15, July 15, October 15, and January 15, showing:

[The remainder of this Subsection is unchanged.]

f. City Code Subsection 2.12.050 B. is amended as follows:

B. Lobbying entities that spent fewer than ~~who employ lobbyists or otherwise authorize persons to lobby on their behalf if such lobbyists cumulatively spend not more than 16~~ 8 hours lobbying ~~on behalf of a lobbying entity~~ during ~~any~~ every calendar quarter in a calendar year.

g. City Code Subsection 2.12.090 B is amended as follows:

2.12.090 Verification of Reports, Registrations and Statements.

B. No person shall willfully make and subscribe any document which contains or is verified by a written or electronic declaration for false swearing which the person does not reasonably believe to be true and correct to every matter.

Passed by the Council: August 08, 2007

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