

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 20-600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Standards of Conduct and Ethics,” by amending Section 20-608 entitled “Public Disclosure and Disqualification,” to add or modify provisions related to disclosure of financial interest, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 20-600 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 20-600. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS.

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§ 20-608. Public Disclosure and Disqualification.

(1) Any member of City Council having a financial interest, under subsections 20-607(1), (2), in any legislation including ordinances and resolutions, shall make public the nature and extent of such interest as set forth in subsection (1)(a) hereof. Other City officers and employees having a financial interest in legislation, including ordinances and resolutions, shall make public the nature and extent of their interest as set forth in subsection (1)(b) hereof. When any member of City Council or other officer or employee has a financial interest in an award, lease, case, claim, decree or judgment, such person shall make public the nature and extent of the interest as set forth in subsection (1)(c) hereof. Thereafter, such person shall disqualify himself or herself from any further official action regarding such legislation including ordinances and resolutions; award, contract, lease, case, claim, decree or judgment.

(a) In the case of a member of Council, it shall be done *in writing within five (5) days of introduction of such legislation including ordinances and resolutions to the Chief Clerk of the Council and all members of the Council* or at the scheduled public hearing of such legislation ~~including ordinances and resolutions~~; if such interest occurs after the public hearing and prior to five (5) days before such legislation is to be acted upon, it shall be made ~~by registered or certified mail~~ *in writing* to the Chief Clerk of the Council and all members of the Council and be announced by the presiding officer of the Council at the time the legislation is called up for consideration; if such interest occurs less than five (5) days prior to the action by the Council on such legislation, the member shall announce his interest publicly on the floor of the Council in public session. This provision shall apply notwithstanding the fact that the member of Council did not participate or was absent upon or during the vote or consideration of such legislation.

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Explanation:
~~Strikethrough~~ indicate matter deleted.
Italics indicate new matter added.

