

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

AGENDA DATE: 11/20/2023

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: ALL DISTRICTS

STRATEGIC GOAL: GOAL 6 SET THE STANDARD FOR SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT

SUBGOAL: 6.8 Support transparent and inclusive government.

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on the amendments directed by the City Council to City Code chapter 2.92.080 to require additional disclosures regarding contributions or donations from individuals or business entities receiving a benefit from the City, 2.92.120, 2.92.130(A)(5) and 2.92.160(B) to include jurisdiction over candidates, political committees and individuals or business entities in certain circumstances, 2.92.160(C) to include that the Chief Internal Auditor reports to the Council, 2.92.170(A) to adjust the time for response to be due to 14 days after the City Attorney refers a complaint to the commission and 2.92.200(D) to authorize the commission to issue a fine of up to \$500.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The amendments to Chapter 2.92 include amending the sections to include adding reporting requirements for when someone who has contributed to a council member is receiving a benefit from a council decision on an agenda, jurisdiction over candidates, political committees and individuals of business entities in certain circumstances, include the chief internal auditor, adjust the time for response to be due 14 days after the City Attorney refers a complaint to the commission, and lastly, authorize the commission to issue a fine up to \$500.

The Financing of Election Campaigns Cross Functional Team presented the redlined chapter with the amendments mentioned above to the Ethics Commission on October 30, 2023. The Ethics Commission voted on recommendations to the redlines presented. The CFT will be presenting the recommendations received by the Ethics Commission.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

The Ethics Ordinance was last amended on February 16, 2021.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)