

Notice and Digest

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ORDINANCE ENACTING A GOVERNMENT ETHICS ACT (A) ADOPTING AND EXPANDING LOCAL OVERSIGHT OVER ETHICAL REQUIREMENTS REGARDING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, REVOLVING DOOR, USE OF CITY RESOURCES FOR PRIVATE GAIN, GIFTS, CITY OFFICERS CONTRACTING WITH THE CITY, AND OTHER ETHICS ISSUES; (B) ADOPTING AND EXPANDING STATE GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS LAWS APPLICABLE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC SERVANTS; (C) GRANTING THE PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CERTAIN CHARTER PROVISIONS INCLUDING SECTIONS 218 (NON-INTERFERENCE IN ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS) AND 907 (NEPOTISM); (D) REQUIRING THAT THE PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION PROVIDE TRAINING, ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE ACT; AND (E) AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION TO IMPOSE PENALTIES AND FINES FOR VIOLATIONS, WHICH SHALL BE CODIFIED IN THE OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE AS CHAPTER 2.25

This ordinance amends Title 2 of the City of Oakland's Administrative and Personnel Ordinances to add Chapter 2.26, adopting a "Government Ethics Act" Ordinance (A) adding and expanding local oversight over ethical requirements regarding conflicts of interest, revolving door, use of city resources for private gain, gifts, city officers contracting with the city, and other ethics issues; (B) adopting and expanding state governmental ethics laws applicable to local government officials and public servants; (C) granting the public ethics commission authority to impose penalties for violations of certain charter provisions including sections 218 (noninterference in administrative affairs) and 907 (nepotism); (D) requiring that the public ethics commission provide training, advice and assistance regarding compliance with the act; and (E) authorizing the commission to impose penalties and fines for violations.