



Memorandum

DATE March 7, 2014
TO The Honorable Chair and Members of the Charter Review Commission
SUBJECT Charter Provisions Concerning Ethics

As requested, following is a list of Charter provisions that concern ethics:¹

- II §1(27) City has the power to regulate morals.
- II §1(31) City has the power to adopt regulations for good government.
- II §1(49) City has the power to adopt a code of ethics.
- II §1(50) City has the power to adopt regulations regarding campaign contributions and expenditures.
- III §3 City councilmembers cannot be delinquent on taxes or liabilities due to the city.
- III §10 City councilmembers are not required to vote on their own conduct or where they have a financial interest.
- III §15 City councilmember may not interfere in the appointment or removal of officers and employees.
- III §16 City councilmembers who violate the Charter may be removed from city council.
- III §17(a) City councilmembers may not hold a paid position with the city.
- III §17(a) City board members may not run for another office.
- III §17(b) City councilmembers may not run for another office.

¹ For purposes of this memorandum, I have construed the term “ethics” broadly. Some listed provisions may not be covered by Dallas City Code Chapter 12A, “Code of Ethics.” The description is a summary only; see the cited provision for details.

- III §17(c) City employees may not run for elected office.
- III §18 City council may conduct investigations of the conduct of city departments.
- IV §13(a)(b) The City Secretary must publish the names and contribution amounts of individuals and committees that contributed to city council election campaigns.
- XI §8 The City Controller is personally liable for any unauthorized payments.
- XVI §16(b)(c) Limitations on the political activities of employees.
- XVI §17 No one may make a false statement or commit fraud in connection with an appointment under the personnel system. No one may pay money or valuables for an appointment or promotion.
- XXII §11(a) Officers and employees may not have an interest in contracts with the city.
- XXIV §1 Officer and employees may not accept gifts or employment from public utilities.



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