

AN ORDINANCE
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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART II (CODE OF ORDINANCES – GENERAL ORDINANCES), CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION), ARTICLE VII (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES), DIVISION 2 (STANDARDS OF CONDUCT), SECTION 2-133(E) (DISCLOSURE OF INCOME AND FINANCIAL INTERESTS); TO WAIVE CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND CODE SECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the City of Atlanta Ethics Code to protect the integrity of the government of the City by prohibiting any official or employee from engaging in activities which are in conflict with, or would create an impression of conflict with, the official duties of that official or employee; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta Ethics Code requires disclosure of the assets and income of elected officials and certain employees so that the public may review actual and potential conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for filing an annual disclosure statement is currently February 15; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Ethics and the City of Atlanta Ethics Officer have expressed a desire to change the filing deadline for annual disclosure statements to April 1 for administrative efficiency and to be consistent with the deadlines imposed for filing the state-required financial disclosure form.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That Part II, Chapter 2, Article VII, Division 2, Section 2-814(e) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, Georgia Laws 1927, p. 265, which currently reads:

“Sec. 2-814. Disclosure of income and financial interests.

(e) Every official and employee required to file an annual disclosure statement shall do so on or before the close of business on February 15 of each year in which the official or employee holds a position with the city or an agency and for the year following that in which the official or employee leaves such position. Such official or employee shall sign such disclosure statement under penalty of perjury. The failure of any official or employee so required to file an annual disclosure statement by February 15 without reasonable cause shall render such person delinquent and result in an administration sanction of \$50.00 per day for each business day beyond February 15 of such delinquency, provided that the maximum penalty for the first offense shall be \$500.00.”

be amended to make the following deletions and insertions:

“Sec. 2-814. Disclosure of income and financial interests.

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such that Part II, Chapter 2, Article VII, Division 2, Section 2 814(e) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, Georgia law 1927, p.265, shall read as follows:

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Section 2: Except as otherwise provided, the provisions of Section 1 are effective as of the date of adoption of this legislation.

Section 3: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.