

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Section 2-156-445 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the language struck through and by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

2-156-445 Limitation of contributing to candidates and elected officials.

(a) No person who has done business with the City, or with the Chicago Transit Authority, Chicago Board of Education, Chicago Park District, Chicago City Colleges, Chicago Housing Authority, Chicago Public Building Commission, or Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority within the preceding four reporting years, or who is seeking to do business with the City or with any of the other aforementioned entities, and no lobbyist ~~registered with the Board of Ethics~~ shall make contributions in an aggregate amount exceeding \$1,500.00: (i) to any candidate for City office during a reporting year; or (ii) to an elected official of the government of the City during any reporting year of the official's term; or (iii) during a reporting year, to any official or employee of the City who is seeking election to any other office; provided that no lobbyist or person in which a lobbyist has an ownership interest of more than 7.5% shall make a direct or in-kind contribution in any amount to the Mayor or to the Mayor's authorized political committee, or to any candidate for Mayor or that candidate's authorized political committee. For purposes of this section, all contributions to a candidate's authorized political committees shall be considered contributions to the candidate. A reporting year shall be from January 1st to December 31st. For purposes of this subsection only "seeking to do business" means: (i) the definition set forth in Section 2-156-010(x); or (ii) any matter that was pending before the City Council or any City Council Committee in the six months prior to the date of the contribution or any matter that will be pending before the City Council or any City Council Committee in the six months after the date of the contribution, if that matter involved the award of loan funds, grant funds or bond proceeds, bond inducement ordinances, leases, land sales, zoning matters, the creation of tax increment financing districts, concession agreements, or the establishment of a Class 6(b) Cook County property tax classification.

(Omitted text is not affected by this ordinance)

(d) Any person who solicits, accepts, offers, or makes a financial contribution that violates the limits set forth in this section shall be subject to the penalty provided in Article VII of this Chapter; provided, however, such person shall not be deemed in violation of this section if such person returns or requests in writing the return of such financial contribution within 10 calendar days of the recipient's or contributor's knowledge of the violation; provided, however, that any lobbyist or person in which a lobbyist has an ownership interest of more than 7.5% that makes a contribution to the Mayor or the Mayor's authorized political committee, or to any candidate for Mayor or that candidate's authorized political committee, shall be subject to fines as provided in Article VII of this chapter, regardless of whether the contribution was returned or a request to return it was made for the first violation after this provision becomes effective, and shall have their lobbyist registration suspended for 90 calendar days for any subsequent violation of this section.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect ten days after passage and publication.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt J. Martin", with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Matthew J. Martin
Alderman, 47th Ward