

Austin City Code

§ 2-7-26 FUNCTIONS.

The Ethics Review Commission has jurisdiction over this chapter, Section 2-1-24 (*Conflict of Interest and Recusal*), Chapter 2-2 (*Campaign Finance*), Chapter 4-8 (*Regulation of Lobbyists*), and Article III, Section 8, of the City Charter (*Limits on Campaign Contributions and Expenditures*). The commission shall hear and rule on sworn complaints alleging violations of the provisions within the commission's jurisdiction. The city manager shall provide funding for all necessary and reasonable functions of the commission in fulfilling its duties.

Source: 1992 Code Section 2-3-26; Ord. 031204-9; Ord. 031211-11; Ord. 20080214-012; Ord. 20120426-084.

§ 2-7-27 (RESERVED)**§ 2-7-28 (RESERVED)****§ 2-7-29 REPORTS; OPINIONS.**

The commission shall receive reports of briefings regarding this chapter of newly appointed and employed board and commission members and employees and copies of public opinions related to this chapter that have been issued by the city attorney since the last meeting.

Source: 1992 Code Section 2-3-29; Ord. 031204-9; Ord. 031211-11; Ord. 20080214-012.

§ 2-7-30 DUTIES.

(A) The Ethics Review Commission shall, in addition to its other duties:

- (1) prescribe forms for reports, statements, notices, and other documents required by the provisions within the commission's jurisdiction;
- (2) prepare and publish materials explaining the duties of individuals subject to the provisions within the commission's jurisdiction;
- (3) review all statements and reports filed with the commission in order to obtain compliance with the provisions within the commission's jurisdiction;
- (4) accept and file any information voluntarily supplied that exceeds the requirements of the provisions within the commission's jurisdiction;
- (5) preserve statements and reports filed with the commission for a period of five years from the date of receipt;
- (6) review the provisions within the commission's jurisdiction and make appropriate recommendations to the city council concerning the provisions within the commission's jurisdiction, and perform an annual review and evaluation of the dollar limits established in Chapter 2-2 (*Campaign Finance*) and make recommendations to the city council as to those limits;
- (7) review all public opinions related to the provisions within the commission's jurisdiction that are issued by the city attorney;

(8) conduct hearings in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and the commission's rules on sworn complaints alleging violations of the provisions within the commission's jurisdiction;

(9) schedule and oversee the forums among candidates in City elections provided for in Chapter 2-2 (*Campaign Finance*).

(B) The commission may:

(1) prepare reports and studies to advance the purposes of the provisions within the commission's jurisdiction;

(2) request the city council and city manager to provide such assistance as it may require in the discharge of its duties; and

(3) make recommendations to the city manager concerning the role of the ombudsman concerning this chapter.

Source: 1992 Code Section 2-3-30; Ord. 031204-9; Ord. 031211-11; Ord. 20120426-084.

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