

*DIVISION 2. ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION*

**Sec. 2-206. Creation; duties and powers generally.**

There shall be created an ethics review commission. It shall have the duty and power to make recommendations to the city council regarding the appropriate disposition of allegations of violations of this article by local public officials and appointees of the city.

(Code 1976, § 2-83; Code 1996, § 2-206; Ord. No. 2008-16, § 2, 8-5-2008)

**Sec. 2-207. Members; composition; terms; removal; vacancies.**

- (a) The ethics review commission shall consist of five regular members and up to two alternate members who shall vote in the absence of regular members.
- (b) The mayor and members of the city council shall nominate a member to the commission. The nominations shall be confirmed by a majority vote of the entire city council.
- (c) Commission members shall be appointed to two-year staggered terms with the terms of two members to expire October 31 of even numbered years with successive two-year terms, and the terms of three members to expire October 31 of odd numbered years with successive two-year terms. Alternate members shall also be appointed to two-year terms with the term of one alternate member expiring October 31 of even numbered years and the term of the other alternate member expiring October 31 of odd-numbered years.
- (d) All members shall be residents of the city. No member shall hold any city elected or appointed office or be a candidate for any such office.
- (e) Members of the commission may be removed by a majority of the city council for a violation of this article or as otherwise determined by city council. In considering a complaint filed with the city secretary against a member of the commission, the council may follow the procedures set forth in section 2-236 regarding the disposition of alleged violations of this article.

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(f) All vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired terms. A member shall hold office until his or her successor has been appointed by the city council, and shall continue to hold office after his or her successor has been appointed by the city council for the limited purpose of the disposition of all complaints filed during that member's term, unless determined otherwise by city council. No member may participate in a decision regarding a complaint initiated prior to the expiration of the previous member's term, but new members shall assume the duties of office with respect to all complaints initiated after the previous member's term. A commission member shall recuse himself or herself from complaints involving the member of council who nominated him.

(Code 1976, § 2-83(1); Code 1996, § 2-207; Ord. No. 2008-16, § 2, 8-5-2008; Ord. No. 2012-11, § 1, 5-1-2012; Ord. No. 2013-04, § 1, 3-5-2013)

**Sec. 2-208. Chairperson; quorum.**

The commission shall elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson to one-year terms. The vice-chairperson shall act as chairperson in the absence of the chairperson or in the event of a vacancy in that position. Three members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for routine items. Four or more members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for all ethics complaint hearings or related matters. No action of the commission concerning any ethics complaint shall be of any force or effect unless it is adopted by the favorable votes of four or more of the members.

(Code 1976, § 2-83(2); Code 1996, § 2-208; Ord. No. 2008-16, § 2, 8-5-2008; Ord. No. 2012-11, § 2, 5-1-2012; Ord. No. 2013-04, § 1, 3-5-2013)

**Sec. 2-209. Meetings.**

The commission shall have meetings as may be necessary to fulfill its responsibilities. The chairperson or any three members of the commission may call a meeting, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, provided that reasonable notice is given to each member and to any person who requests notice of such meetings.

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(Code 1976, § 2-83(3); Code 1996, § 2-209; Ord. No. 2008-16, § 2, 8-5-2008; Ord. No. 2013-04, § 1, 3-5-2013; Ord. No. 2013-24, § 1, 11-19-2013; Ord. No. 2016-13 , § 1, 4-19-2016)

**Secs. 2-210—2-230. Reserved.**