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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 22-0260 – Ethics Board Financial Disclosures – Public Inspection – Identifying Information		

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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

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Position: Does Not Oppose

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 22-0260, Ethics Board Financial Disclosures – Public Inspection – Identifying Information, the purpose of which is to repeal the requirement that an individual provide certain identifying information when inspecting a financial disclosure for a public servant and amend City code so that the public no longer has access to sections of the statement that identifies the home address of a City employee or their family members.

Background

Ethics Board Financial Disclosures are annual statements completed by City employees in positions that include “elected officials and staff,” “agency officials and staff,” “procurement, legislative liaison, and enforcement personnel,” and any additional positions identified by agency heads as required to file a statement according to City code. The statement form is provided by the Ethics Board and covers the calendar year that immediately precedes the filing. Statements require disclosure of specified financial information such as attributable interests, real property, business entities, gifts, offices and employment, sources of income, specified additional interests held by the employee or employee’s family members.

Financial Disclosure statements are available for public inspection. Under current City code, interested members of the public are required to identify their name, address, phone number, and organization represented. Sections that identify an employee’s home address are prohibited from public inspection.

Fiscal Impact

The Department of Finance anticipates minimal to no fiscal impact for the City from this legislation.

Conclusion

This legislation would repeal the requirement that an individual provide certain identifying information when inspecting a Financial Disclosure for a City employee and prohibit public access to certain sections of Financial Disclosure statements that identify the home address of an employee or their family members. Finance anticipates minimal fiscal impact from this legislation.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 22-0260.

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