ORDINANCE NO. 20190919-028

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-1-21 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND REMOVAL FOR CITY EMPLOYEES SERVING ON CITY BOARDS.

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

PART 1. Subsection (K) of Section 2-1-21 (Eligibility Requirements and Removal) is amended, and Subsections (L) and (M) are added to read as follows:

(K) Unless otherwise provided by this chapter, a City employee may not serve as a member of a City board if:
(1) the employee is classified at the executive level;
(2) the employee is required to file an annual financial statement;
(3) the employee works for the Law Department, the Financial Services Department, the Purchasing Department, or the Project Management Division of the Public Works Department; or
(4) the employee is a purchasing agent or has the authority to purchase or contract for the City; service on the board could reasonably be expected to impair the performance of the employee’s job duties.
(5) subject matter within the scope of the City department in which the City employee is employed makes it likely that the board will consider subject matter related to the City department; or
(6) the City department in which the City employee is employed provides staff support to the board.]

(L) City employees may only serve on advisory boards, not sovereign boards or quasi-judicial bodies of the City.

(M) Unless otherwise provided by this chapter, an employee who serves as a member of a City board may not take part in a deliberation or vote related to:
(1) a case, project, or matter over which the employee exercised discretionary authority;
(2) a job assignment that the employee is responsible for as part of the employee’s job duties; or
(3) funding, or using City resources, for any purpose by or through the department in which the employee works.
PART 2. This ordinance takes effect on September 30, 2019.

PASSED AND APPROVED

September 19, 2019

Steve Adler
Mayor

APPROVED:

Anne L. Morgan
City Attorney

ATTEST:

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk