

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_  
TO  
ORDINANCE NO. BL2024-290

Madam President –

I hereby move to amend Ordinance No. BL2024-290 as follows:

I. By amending Section 2 as follows:

Section 2. That Section 2.196.050 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws is amended by amending Subsection B as follows:

B. Every person registered under this chapter shall file a written notice of withdrawal with the metropolitan clerk within five business days following the termination of a lobbying employment agreement between the lobbyist and a client. Such notice of withdrawal shall be retained by the metropolitan clerk for a period of five years, and the date of withdrawal shall be noted on the Registered Lobbyist Index posted on the metropolitan clerk's website. Lobbyists must update their registration statement within five business days of any event or circumstance that renders the registration statement inaccurate or incomplete. If a lobbyist fails to register for a subsequent year, it shall be treated as a withdrawal for each client for which the lobbyist was registered unless a new registration is submitted pursuant to Section 2.196.040.

II. By amending Section 4 as follows:

Section 4. That Section 2.196.060 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws is amended by adding the following as subsections B.3 and B.4:

3. An itemized list, by date, beneficiary, and amount of each political contribution of more than one hundred dollars made by the lobbyist or anyone acting at the specific direction of the lobbyist to benefit an official in the executive branch, a member of the official's staff or immediate family, a candidate for public office, or a campaign committee or testimonial committee established for the benefit of such official. This shall not require reporting of political contributions made for candidates for state and federal office, unless such candidate at the time of the contribution was serving as an official in the legislative or executive branch.

4. Such report shall include a sworn statement from the lobbyist attesting to the accuracy.

III. By amending Section 5 as follows:

Section 5. That Section 2.196.060 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws is amended by adding the following as a new Subsection G, as follows:

G. If a lobbyist fails to file all required annual lobbying and expense reports for the previous year by March 1st or has failed to include the filing fee for a late report, the lobbyist shall be ineligible for registration as a lobbyist for that the current year. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the clerk shall revoke the registration of any lobbyist who has failed to file all required

annual lobbyist and expense reports for the previous year and refund any fees paid. The lobbyist shall be able to register for the current year if the board of ethical conduct has permitted the lobbyist's registration pursuant to Section 2.196.110.B and the lobbyist pays the filing fee for a late report pursuant to Section 2.196.060.F. A lobbyist who fails to file all required reports shall be subject to the complaint procedures in 2.196.110.B.

IV. By deleting Section 9 in its entirety and renumbering the subsequent Section accordingly, as follows:

~~Section 9. That Section 2.196.100 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws is amended as follows:~~

~~2.196.100—Cooling off period.~~

~~A. A department head, employee of the mayor's office, or employee of the council office shall not be registered as a lobbyist within twelve months of voluntary cessation of their official responsibilities in matters which were directly within their former official responsibilities or employment with metro government. For this section, "official responsibility" means direct administrative or operating authority, whether intermediate or final, either exercisable alone or with other, either personally or through subordinates, to approve, disapprove or otherwise direct metropolitan government action.~~

~~B. An elected official shall not be registered as a lobbyist within twelve months following the voluntary termination of office or leaving elected office.~~

~~Section 40-9. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government requiring it.~~

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