



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

## Legislation Text

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An ordinance to amend Section 2.222.040 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws regarding the board of ethical conduct.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That Section 2.222.040.B.2 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws is hereby amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

2. The board may seek from the requesting member clarification of the request, but all such requests and clarifications shall be in writing. The advisory opinion of the committee of the board shall be delivered within forty-five days of the date of receipt of the request by the metropolitan clerk, unless that period is extended by the requesting member.

Section 2. That Section 2.222.040.C.1.(e) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws is hereby amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

- (e) The department of law will evaluate the complaint, applying the law of the standards of conduct or current executive order which regulates the ethical standards of conduct to the facts alleged in the complaint, and shall undertake an investigation as may be deemed necessary, to determine if such complaint alleges facts, which if proven true, could be deemed to be a violation of the standards set forth in this chapter. Within fourteen business days from its receipt of the complaint, the department of law will issue a report concluding whether the facts alleged in the complaint, if true, would give rise to a violation of the standards of conduct or current executive order which regulates the ethical standards of conduct, and recommending either that the complaint be dismissed or a hearing be held on the complaint. The department of law shall provide its report to the chair of the board of conduct, and shall file it with the clerk.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government requiring it.

### Analysis

This ordinance revises Section 2.222.040 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws regarding the Board of Ethical Conduct. The bill extends the time in which the board's advisory opinions shall be filed from 30 days to 45 days. The legislation also extends the time in which the Department of Law shall issue a report as part of the investigation of a complaint from 14 calendar days to 14 business days.