

DIVISION 3. LOBBYIST

Sec. 2-481. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Advisory personnel means the members of those city boards and agencies whose sole or primary responsibility is to recommend legislation or give advice to the city commissioners.

Autonomous personnel includes but is not limited to the members of the housing authority, personnel board, pension boards, and such other autonomous or semi-autonomous authorities, boards and agencies as are entrusted with the day-to-day policy setting, operation and management of certain defined functions or areas of responsibility.

Commissioners means the mayor and members of the city commission.

Community Based Organization means a not-for-profit association or corporation organized under state or local law to engage in community development activities (including, but not limited to, housing and economic development activities) and has as its primary purpose the improvement of the physical, economic or social environment by addressing one or more of the critical needs of the area, with particular attention to the needs of people with low or moderate incomes.

Departmental personnel means the city manager, all assistant city managers, all department heads, the city attorney, chief deputy city attorney and all assistant city attorneys; however, all departmental personnel when acting in connection with administrative hearings shall not be included for purposes of this division.

Lobbyist means all persons employed or retained, whether paid or not, by a principal who seeks to encourage the passage, defeat or modification of any ordinance, resolution, action or decision of any commissioner; any action, decision, recommendation of the city manager or any city board or committee; or any action, decision or recommendation of any city personnel defined in any manner in this section, during the time period of the entire decision-making process on such action, decision or recommendation that foreseeably will be heard or reviewed by the city commission, or a city board or committee. The term specifically includes the principal as well as any employee engaged in lobbying activities. The term "Lobbyist" specifically excludes the following persons:

Expert witnesses who provide only scientific, technical or other specialized information or testimony in public meetings; any person who only appears as a representative of a neighborhood association without compensation or reimbursement

for the appearance, whether direct, indirect or contingent, to express support of or opposition to any item; and any person who only appears as a representative of not-for-profit community based organization for the purpose of requesting a grant without special compensation or reimbursement for the appearance

The persons specifically excluded above from the definition of "lobbyist" shall, prior to communicating with subject city personnel, disclose in writing to the city clerk, their name, address, and principal on whose behalf they are communicating.

Neighborhood Association means an organization of residential homeowners and tenants created to address quality of life issues in a defined neighborhood or community.

Quasi-judicial personnel means the members of the planning board, the board of adjustment and such other boards and agencies of the city that perform such quasi-judicial functions. The nuisance abatement board, special master hearings and administrative hearings shall not be included for purposes of this division as to those individuals compelled to appear before said agencies.