

ARTICLE IV: LOBBYING REGISTRATION AND REPORTING

A. Persons Required to Register

Each Lobbyist shall register and file reports with the Clerk as provided in this Article.

B. Persons Not Required to Register

This Article is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to the following:

1. Persons who own, publish, or are employed by a newspaper or other regularly published periodical, or who own or are employed by a radio station, television station, or other bona fide news medium, that in the ordinary course of business, disseminates news, editorial or other comment, or paid advertisements that directly urge the passage or defeat of legislation. This exemption is not applicable to such Persons insofar as they receive additional Compensation or expenses from some source other than the bona fide news medium for the purpose of influencing Executive, Legislative or Administrative Action. This exemption does not apply to newspapers and periodicals owned by or published by trade associations and not-for-profit corporations engaged primarily in endeavors other than dissemination of news.
2. Commissioners, Officers and Employees, including those of any other unit of government, who appear in their official capacities before the District for the purpose of explaining the effect of any legislative or administrative matter pending before it.
3. A unit of local government or a school district.
4. An elected or appointed official or an employee of a unit of local government or school district who, in the scope of his or her public office or employment, seeks to influence Executive, Legislative or Administrative Action exclusively on behalf of that unit of local government or school district.
5. Employees of the District, legislators, legislative agencies and legislative commissions who, in the course of their official duties only, engage in activities that otherwise qualify as Lobbying.
6. Persons whose contact with the District is limited to public testimony, either in person or through other public communications media (social media, email, or in writing) that is entered into the public record before the Board of Commissioners, a committee, or other subdivision of the Board, for the purpose of influencing any Executive, Legislative or Administrative Action and who do not make Expenditures that are reportable pursuant to Section F, and appear without Compensation or promise thereof, or who seek without Compensation or promise thereof the approval or veto of any legislation by the President.
7. Persons who have a direct, noncommercial interest in legislative or administrative matters who contact Commissioners, Officers or Employees for the redress of grievances, or other proper purposes in their capacity as constituents, unless those persons make Expenditures

that are reportable under Section F.

8. Persons who, in the scope of their employment as a vendor, offer or solicit a Commissioner, Officer or Employee for the purchase of any goods or services when (1) the solicitation is limited to either an oral inquiry or written advertisements and informative literature; or (2) the goods and services are subject to competitive bidding requirements of the District's Purchasing Act; or (3) the goods and services are for sale at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00; and (4) the Persons do not make Expenditures that are reportable under Section F.

9. Persons in possession of technical skills and knowledge relevant to certain areas of Executive, Legislative or Administrative Actions, whose skills and knowledge would be helpful to Commissioners, Officers or Employees when considering those actions, whose activities are limited to making occasional appearances for or communicating on behalf of a registrant, and who do not make Expenditures that are reportable under Section F even though receiving expense reimbursement for those occasional appearances.

10. Persons performing professional services in drafting bills or in advising and rendering opinions to Clients as to the construction and effect of proposed or pending legislation when those professional services are not otherwise, directly or indirectly, connected with Executive, Legislative or Administrative Action.

11. Any full-time employee of a bona fide church or religious organization who represents that organization solely for the purpose of protecting the right of the members thereof to practice the religious doctrines of that church or religious organization, or any such bona fide church or religious organization.

12. Persons that receive no Compensation other than reimbursement for expenses of up to \$500 per year while engaged in Lobbying Commissioners, Officers or Employees, unless those Persons make Expenditures that are reportable under Section F.

13. Any attorney or group or firm of attorneys in the course of representing a Client in any administrative or judicial proceeding, or any witness providing testimony in any administrative or judicial proceeding, in which ex parte communications are not allowed and who does not make Expenditures that are reportable pursuant to Section F.

14. Any attorney or group or firm of attorneys in the course of representing a Client in an Administrative or Executive Action involving a contractual or purchasing arrangement and who does not make Expenditures that are reportable pursuant to Section F.

15. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to infringe in any way the right of a citizen to lawfully petition a member of the Board of Commissioners or any other public official as guaranteed in the Constitution of the State of Illinois.