

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 30.15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING LOBBYISTS; INCREASING THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE FOR EACH PRINCIPAL OR CLIENT FROM \$50.00 TO \$100.00; AND INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THAT PORTION OF THE COUNTY'S ELECTED OFFICIAL CODE OF ETHICS THAT REGULATES LOBBYING.

WHEREAS, Section 30.15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hollywood, Florida regulates lobbyists and lobbying activities within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk recommends a number of amendments to Section 30.15 in order to improve same;

WHEREAS, the cost of supporting the Lobbyist registration process will increase from \$50.00 per client to \$100.00. The cost increase better supports the direct expenses related to implementing and managing the process. The \$50.00 cost was established in 2012 and does not reflect present day value.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That Section 30.15 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE III: ADMINISTRATION

CHAPTER 30: CITY POLICIES, GENERALLY

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LOBBYISTS/VENDORS; EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

§ 30.15 LOBBYIST/VENDOR REGULATIONS.

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(B) *Lobbying registration and statements.*

(Coding: Words and figures underscored are additions to existing law; words and figures ~~struck through~~ are deletions.)

(1) Registration statement required.

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(d) Effective August 1, 2016 ~~2012~~, each lobbyist shall pay to the City Clerk an annual registration fee in the amount of \$100.00 ~~\$50.00~~ for each principal or client identified on an annual or amended registration statement on whose behalf he or she intends to lobby; provided, however, that a lobbyist shall not be required to pay this fee for any principal or client who does not compensate the lobbyist for his or her services. Registration fees paid under this paragraph cover lobbying activities during the effective period of the registration statement. All required fees shall be paid prior to engaging in any lobbying activities after expiration of a registration statement.

(2) Disclosure statement required.

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(3) Electronic filing required. Each person who is required to file a lobbying registration statement or any other lobbying statement pursuant to this section must file such statement by means of the City's electronic filing system.

(4) Adoption by reference of a portion of Elected Official Code of Ethics. Subsection (c)(3) of the Elected Official Code of Ethics (Section 1-19 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances), is hereby adopted by reference.

(5) 4) Partial year filing required. Discontinuance of lobbying activities during a year shall not relieve a lobbyist from the requirement of filing the statement required by division (B)(2)(a) of this section for that portion of the year during which the lobbyist was engaged in lobbying activities.

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Section 2: That it is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hollywood, Florida, and the provisions of this ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

Section 3: That if any word, phrase, clause, subsection or section of this ordinance is for any reason held unconstitutional or invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect the validity of any remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 4: That all sections or parts of sections of the Code of Ordinances, all ordinances or parts of ordinances, and all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 30.15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE PAID BY LOBBYISTS FOR EACH PRINCIPAL OR CLIENT AND TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THAT PORTION OF THE COUNTY'S ELECTED OFFICIAL CODE OF ETHICS THAT REGULATES LOBBYING.

Section 5: That except as otherwise provided in 30.15(B)(1)(d), this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

ADVERTISED on _____, 2016.

PASSED on first reading this _____ day of _____, 2016.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on second reading this _____ day of _____, 2016.

PETER BOBER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGALITY
for the use and reliance of the
City of Hollywood, Florida only:

JEFFREY P. SHEFFEL, CITY ATTORNEY