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Ordinance implementing the authority permitted pursuant to Illinois Public Act 098-0779 to require County Board appointed board or commission members to adopt the Lake County Standards of Conduct.

Staff Summary

- Illinois Public Act 098-0779 authorizes a county board in a county with a population between 300,000 and 2,000,000 residents to, by ordinance, adopt a code of conduct regarding the fiscal responsibility and procurement authority, as required by State law, local ordinance, or county board policy, as well as the accountability, transparency, and ethical conduct of county appointees.
- The County Board Chairman appoints members to over 70 different boards, commissions, districts, and other special purpose units of government.
- If approved, this ordinance will incorporate and replace the ordinance (Agenda Item 11-0733 that was passed on September 13, 2011 by the County Board) and the resolution (Agenda Item 13-0984 that was passed on September 10, 2013 by the County Board).
- The Ad-Hoc Ethics Committee or its successor committee will be responsible for conducting hearings in the event of alleged violations of the Standards.

Body

WHEREAS, the County Board of Lake County is the appointing authority for over 70 local appointed units of government encompassing nearly 300 appointees; and

WHEREAS, the County Board Chairman has the authority to appoint individuals to serve on the governing bodies (such as boards and commissions) of various units of local government and agencies throughout Lake County, and the individuals appointed must be confirmed by the County Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Illinois Public Act 097-0084 (55 ILCS 5/5-1133(a)), authorizes a county board in a county with a population between 300,000 and 2,000,000 residents to, by ordinance, require any unit of local government or agency to which the county board chairman or county executive nominates and the county board confirms a majority member appointments to provide the county with detailed information; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the 2010 Census, the population of Lake County is 703,462; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with state statute, an ordinance (Agenda Item 11-0733) was passed on September 13, 2011 by the County Board, to incorporate Illinois Public

Act 097-0084; and

WHEREAS, a resolution (Agenda Item 13-0984) was passed on September 10, 2013 by the County Board that endorses the Standards of Conduct for appointed officials to Lake County boards and commissions to prevent conflicts of interest, improve standards of public service, and promote and strengthen the faith and confidence of its constituents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Illinois Public Act 098-0779 (55 ILCS 5/5-1133(b)), counties may, by ordinance, adopt a code of conduct regarding the fiscal responsibility and procurement authority, as required by State law, local ordinance, or county board policy, as well as the accountability, transparency, and ethical conduct of county appointees, in addition to those requirements mandated by law for and applicable to the appointees to any unit of local government, agency, or commission for which the county board chairman, county executive, or county board serves as the appointing authority; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Illinois Public Act 098-0779 (55 ILCS 5/5-1133(b)), counties may by ordinance provide for the removal of an appointee when it is established that an appointee has violated the code of conduct and reasonable notice and opportunity for a hearing have been provided; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance incorporates and replaces the ordinance (Agenda Item 11-0733), passed on September 13, 2011 by the County Board, and as a result, said ordinance is repealed; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance incorporates and replaces the resolution (Agenda Item 13-0984), passed on September 13, 2013 by the County Board, and as a result, said ordinance is repealed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Board of Lake County, Illinois that the Lake County Standards of Conduct (in substantial conformance with the attached "Exhibit A") be adopted and be made effective immediately; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois that the recitals are hereby incorporated into this ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the County Board of Lake County, Illinois that the Ad-Hoc Ethics Committee shall be responsible for the administration of the Lake County Standards of Conduct for appointed boards and commissions until a successor committee is established by the County Board in accordance with its Rules of Order and Operational Procedure; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall be filed with the County Clerk.

ADOPTED, in Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois, on this 11th day of November, 2014.