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Sec. 2-39. Lobbying; definitions.¹

(a) "Elected City Official" means the Mayor and members of the City Council, whether serving by election or appointment.

(b) "Expenditure" means a payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit or gift, and includes a promise or agreement, whether or not legally enforceable, to make an expenditure that provides a benefit to an elected City official that is incurred by or on behalf of a lobbyist.

(c) "Family Gift" means a gift to an elected City official or a member of his household from a lobbyist who is a relative of the elected City official or a member of his household if the donor is not acting for someone not covered by this paragraph.

(d) "Gift means money, real property or tangible personal property. For purposes of this section, gift does not include:

(1) A gift or inheritance from a spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother or sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, first cousin, any such persons spouse, or as devisee in a will, if the donor is not acting for someone not covered by this paragraph and gifts of a personal nature were customarily received from such persons before becoming an elected City official.

(2) The value of meals, entertainment or lodging that is reported or exempt from reporting under this chapter.

(3) Salary, compensation or employer reimbursed expenses lawfully paid to an elected City official.

(4) The value of professional or consulting services not rendered to obtain a benefit for any lobbyist or lobbyist's client.

(5) Expenses relating to an event sponsored by a regional, statewide or national association of elected City officials.

(6) Expenses relating to an event to which all members of the City Council or any council committee are invited.

(7) A monetary award given to an elected City official in recognition of service or notable accomplishment.

¹Charter Reference. Article VIII.1, Ethics, Sec.5

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- (8) Informational material such as books, reports, pamphlets, tapes, calendars, periodicals or computer software.
- (9) A campaign contribution that is properly received and reported as required by law.
- (10) An item given to an elected City official if an item of similar value is given by the selected City official at the same time or on a similar occasion under similar circumstances.
- (d) "Lobby" means any communication with any elected City official for the purpose of influencing official action.
- (e) "Lobbyist" means any person who is compensated to lobby for a person other than himself.
- (f) "Official Action" means the action of the City Council.
- (g) "Person" means an individual, partnership, committee, association, limited liability company or corporation or any other organization of persons.
- (h) "Personal Hospitality" means meals, beverages, transportation or lodging furnished non-commercially by a person on his or his family's property or facilities.
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