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September 6, 2011

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Declare ordinance amending sections 2.08.070, 2.08.100, 2.08.110 and 2.08.160 of chapter 2.08 of the Long Beach Municipal Code regarding regulation of persons who lobby public officials read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to the request of the City Council at its meeting of August 9, 2011, this office has prepared for your consideration the above-referenced ordinance. In addition, the matter of the City's lobbyist regulations has been referred to the Elections Oversight Committee for consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney

By

Heather A. Mahood  
Assistant City Attorney

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Attachment

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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING SECTIONS 2.08.070, 2.08.100, 2.08.110 AND 2.08.160 OF CHAPTER 2.08 OF THE LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING REGULATION OF PERSONS WHO LOBBY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

The City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as follows:

Section 1. Section 2.08.070 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.08.070 Registration fees.

Persons subject to the registration requirements of this ordinance shall pay an annual fee set by resolution of the City Council. Persons registering for the first time after June 30 of a given year shall pay a reduced registration fee set by resolution of the City Council.

A. The applicable registration fee is due at the time of registration or registration renewal. Payment will be deemed delinquent thereafter. Delinquency fees may be assessed as specified in subsection C below, if payment occurs after the due date.

B. In addition to the annual fee, each registrant shall a fee set by resolution of the City Council per client for whom lobbying is undertaken for compensation in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The fees for clients as of the date of initial registration shall be submitted with the registration. The fees for subsequent clients will be due and submitted at the time of the submission of the relevant semi-annual report

1 as required pursuant to Section 2.08.110 below.

2 C. A fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day for delinquent  
3 fees, up to a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), will be assessed  
4 until compliance with the registration provisions herein.

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6 Section 2. Section 2.08.100 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is hereby  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 2.08.100 Subsequent disclosures.

9 For each six month period following the date in which the lobbyist  
10 was required to register, the lobbyist must file a semi-annual report in  
11 duplicate with the City Clerk not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after  
12 the end of the qualifying period whether or not any lobbying activities have  
13 occurred during such period. Electronic reporting may also be permitted  
14 by the City Clerk. Each semi-annual report shall contain the same  
15 information as required to be disclosed in the initial registration, for those  
16 activities occurring in that period. If a lobbyist has terminated all lobbying  
17 activities during such period, the lobbyist may file a declaration of  
18 termination with the semi-annual report. The final semi-annual report shall  
19 include disclosure of any lobbying activities during the period of  
20 termination.

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22 Section 3. Section 2.08.110 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is hereby  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 2.08.110 Semi-annual reports.

25 Semi-annual reports are to be filed on or before July 15 and  
26 January 15 of each year, for the prior six month period, and are delinquent  
27 thereafter. Electronic reporting may also be permitted by the City Clerk.

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1                   Section 4.    Section 2.08.160 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is hereby  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           2.08.160    The City Clerk.

4                   The City Clerk shall:

5                   A.    Oversee administration of this Chapter including creation of  
6 all forms and explanatory materials.

7                   B.    Post all submitted reports on the Internet within a reasonable  
8 time of receipt of the reports.

9                   C.    Accept all required filings under this Chapter.

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11                   Section 5.    The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by  
12 the City Council and cause it to be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of  
13 Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first (31st) day after it is approved by the  
14 Mayor.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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Mayor