



BOARD OF ETHICS
CITY OF CHICAGO

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Carrie M. Austin
Chairman, Committee on the Budget and Government Operations

From: Steven I. Berlin
Executive Director, Board of Ethics

CC: Deanne Millison
Mayor's Office of Legislative Counsel and Government Affairs

Date: November 2, 2018

Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID#: 78-01 Definition

The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing to discuss the proposed 2019 budget.

The following question was raised by Alderman Burnett and Chairman Austin:

“What is the definition of doing business with the City [or one of its sister agencies]?”

This is a defined term in the City's Governmental Ethics Ordinance. Per §2-156-010(h) of the Ordinance, the term is defined as “any one or any combination of sales, purchases, leases or contracts to, from or with the City or any City agency [or one of its sister agencies] in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00 in any 12 consecutive months.”

As always, please let me know if you have any further questions.



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Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID#: 78-02 Aldermanic Pages

The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing to discuss the proposed 2019 budget.

The following two (2) questions were raised by Aldermen Sawyer, D. Moore, Moreno, Austin and King that require follow-up:

(i) What are appropriate postings on an alderman's "political page" and/or "official" or aldermanic page, and does it make any difference whether either or both of pages are funded with political or campaign funds?; and (ii) what, if any, City-related services can be provided by the alderman [or his or her staff] in the political office?

The Board of Ethics is working on and will issue a formal, public advisory opinion that will address all of these questions.

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