

INTRODUCED: 5/4/2026

REFERRED TO: Ethics Committee

SPONSOR: Councilor McCormick

DIGEST: amends Sec. 151-1132 of the Code to remove the home address from the Councilor Disclosure Statement

SOURCE:

Initiated by: Councilor McCormick

Drafted by: LeAnnette Pierce, General Counsel

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION:

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Adoption and approvals

GENERAL COUNSEL APPROVAL: _____

Date: April 30, 2026

CITY-COUNTY GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. , 2026

PROPOSAL FOR A GENERAL ORDINANCE amending Section 151-1132 of the Revised Code of the Consolidated City and County to remove the home address from the Councilor Disclosure Statement.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. The Revised Code of the Consolidated City and County is hereby amended by adding the sections that are underlined and deleting the sections that have been ~~stricken through~~ to read as follows:

Sec. 151-1132. Ethics disclosure

- (a) All councilors shall file with the clerk of the council an ethics disclosure statement on or before July 1, 2009, and thereafter annually, on or before February 1, or within thirty (30) days of taking office.
- (b) Any person filing as a candidate for office of city-county councilor, who has not filed, during the current calendar year, an ethics disclosure statement under this section, shall file an ethics disclosure statement under this section before, or at the same time as, filing a declaration of candidacy under IC 3-8-2, a petition of nominations under IC 3-8-6 or a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate under IC 3-8-2-2.5.
- (c) An ethics disclosure statement required under this section shall include the following information:
 - (1) The name, residence address and business address(es) of the councilor.
 - (2) The names, addresses, and dates of hire of all employers from whom the councilor received compensation during the prior calendar year, and if self-employed, the nature of the business or businesses conducted as self-employment and the name or names, if any, under which the business or businesses are conducted.
 - (3) The amount of funds, in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), each of the councilor's employer(s) received from the Consolidated City of Indianapolis-

Marion County during the prior calendar year rounded to the nearest five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

- (i) The list of "funds" shall include, but not be limited to any incentives the employer may have received such as tax abatements or PILOTs and any contracts entered into directly by the Councilor or the employer. The term "funds" does not include the amount associated with a property tax appeal heard before PTABOA.
 - (ii) For "funds" where the monetary value may not be directly ascertainable, the councilor shall have the employer provide identifiable information that will provide the committee with the department the agreement is with, the date of the agreement, and a brief description of the incentive or funds anticipated.
 - (iii) Council staff shall provide a separate form for employers to use if that employer has multiple agreements with the different departments and agencies in the consolidated city-county.
- (4) The name and addresses of all employers from whom the councilor's spouse or councilor's dependent children received compensation in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) during the prior calendar year.
- (5) The name and address of any business entity, doing business with the city or county, or which solicits doing business with the city or county, in which the councilor, the councilor's spouse or a councilor's dependent child:
- (i) Is an officer; or
 - (ii) Owns an equity interest or interest in the earnings and profits of such business that, individually or in the aggregate, exceeds ten (10) percent; or
 - (iii) Directly or indirectly received compensation in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), in aggregate from any one such entity, in the past calendar year.
- (6) The name and address of any organization which receives or applies for funding from the city or county for which the councilor, councilor's spouse or a councilor's dependent child serves as an officer or board member.
- (7) A list of those persons or firms from which the councilor received gifts, or any other item, valued over one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or in aggregate over two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), in the prior calendar year if such person or firm does, or seeks to do, business with the city or county or seeks to influence council action. Campaign donations, subject to IC 3-9-2 and reported in accordance with law, and gifts from persons, including family members, with whom the councilor has an on going social relationship not related to service on the council, are not subject to reporting under this provision.
- (8) Any items reported under clauses (1) through (4) of this subsection shall be updated within forty-five (45) days of the change of such information.
- (d) The clerk of the council, with assistance of the general counsel, shall prescribe a form for these disclosures. Such statement shall be verified under penalties for perjury. The clerk shall report any failures to file an ethics disclosure statement to the ethics committee of the council for such action as that committee may deem appropriate.
- (e) The clerk of the council shall post each ethic disclosure form on the council's website by March 1 of each year.

SECTION 2. The expressed or implied repeal or amendment by this ordinance of any other ordinance or part of any other ordinance does not affect any rights or liabilities accrued, penalties incurred, or proceedings begun prior to the effective date of this ordinance. Those rights, liabilities, and proceedings are continued, and penalties shall be imposed and enforced under the repealed or amended ordinance as if this ordinance had not been adopted.

SECTION 3. Should any provision (section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or any other portion) of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, the remaining provision or provisions shall not be affected, if and only if such remaining provisions can, without the invalid provision or provisions, be given the effect intended by the Council in adopting this ordinance. To this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its passage by the Council and compliance with Ind. Code § 36-3-4-14.

The foregoing was passed by the City-County Council this _____ day of _____, 2026, at _____ p.m.

ATTEST:

Maggie A. Lewis
President, City-County Council

Yulonda Winfield
Clerk, City-County Council