Rules Regarding
Economic Disclosure Statement and Affidavit

These Rules are promulgated pursuant to Section 2-154-050 of the Municipal Code. These rules are intended solely to provide guidance on interpretation of Chapter 2-154 of the Municipal Code ("Code") and are not intended to abrogate any disclosure requirements contained in 65 ILCS 5/8-10-8.5 ("Disclosure"), as applicable.

1. An entity that is any unit of the United States federal, state or local government or any agency or instrumentality thereof shall not be required to file an EDS.

2. An entity that holds an ownership interest in an Applicant of greater than 7.5%, but less than 100%, shall not be required to file an EDS if it is one of the following and, in lieu of an EDS, provides the disclosure information required in certain instances below:

(a) a foundation having a current tax exemption under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, so long as such foundation provides a copy of its most recent IRS Form 990; or

(b) (i) a government entity, agency, department or instrumentality or (ii) a pension fund maintained by such a government body, or (iii) an enterprise created by Federal or state statute, but not formed as a business corporation or a not-for-profit (e.g., Fannie Mae, Federal Home Loan Corporation, SLM Corporation) or (iv) a government-owned corporation (e.g., Government National Mortgage Association); or

(c) a registered investment adviser that holds an ownership interest of greater than 7.5%, but less than 22.5%, beneficially for its third party investors, so long as such registered investment adviser provides a copy of its most recent Form ADV and its most recent amendment thereto; or

(d) a mutual fund that holds an ownership interest of greater than 7.5%, but less than 22.5%, beneficially for its third party investors, so long as such mutual fund provides a copy of its form N-1A and the most recent amendment thereto; or

(e) such other entity that holds an ownership interest of greater than 7.5%, but less than 22.5%, as a beneficial owner for a class of other third party investors and is regulated by and required to make periodic filings with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act, the Securities and Exchange Act, the Williams Act the Public Utility Holding Company Act, or the Investment Company Act or pursuant to comparable foreign securities regulatory and filing requirements, provided that (i) such entity provides a copy of such most recent filing or report, and (ii) the Corporation Counsel determines that such filing or report and the entity's disclosures therein reasonably satisfy the purposes and intent of the EDS Form.
3. Section 2-154-010 of the Municipal Code requires disclosures to be made when a person or entity “makes application to the City of Chicago for action.” This phrase shall be construed not to apply to a transaction, and thus not to require submission of an EDS in conjunction with that transaction, if either 3A or 3B applies:

   A. If the contracting party is providing money or other in-kind goods or services to the City in exchange solely for advertising or promotional rights relating to a City-produced festival, fair, event or seasonal program (an example of a seasonal program is Riverwalk).

   B. If all of the following circumstances (i) through (iv) are present:

      (i) The action is being undertaken at the request of the City.

      (ii) The action is being undertaken for the primary benefit of the City.

      (iii) The affected party is not seeking the action and would not participate in the action if not for the City’s request.

      (iv) The affected party is uniquely situated, such that the City would be unable to seek the benefit at issue from a different party. Examples include an easement granted for the City’s benefit, or site access granted by a railroad or airline for the City’s benefit.

4. The participation in a transaction by a party solely in that party’s capacity as an escrowee or similar administrative capacity, where that party otherwise has no contracting relationship with the City in that transaction, shall not obligate that party to submit an EDS.

5. An entity that is the international olympic committee, the international paralympic committee, a national olympic committee, a national paralympic committee, an organizing committee formed pursuant to the requirements of any international olympic committee or international paralympic committee, an international sports federation or association, a national sports federation or association, or any similar committee, federation, association or entity formed for the purpose of sponsoring, organizing, overseeing or participating in international or national athletic competitions, shall not be required to file an EDS.

6. If a Disclosing Party is required to supplement an EDS filing to comply with the requirements of Chapter 1-23, as incorporated into Section 2-154-020, of the Code, regarding that party’s status as eligible to do business with the City, such supplemental disclosure shall be provided in writing to the Office of the Corporation Counsel.
NOTE: The exceptions in these Rules are set forth as a general matter, and depending on the facts and circumstances of a particular transaction, the City reserves the right to require an EDS from any one or more of the types of entities listed herein.

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