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ORDINANCE

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BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that, Chapter 2 Administration, Article VII Ethics, Division 2 Code of Ethical Conduct, Section 2-581 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2-581. Interest in County Business.

(a) No elected official or employee shall have a financial interest in his or her own name or in the name of any other person in any contract, work or business of the County or in the sale of any article, whenever the expense, price or consideration of the contract, work, business or sale is paid with funds belonging to or administered by the County. Compensation for property taken pursuant to the County's eminent domain power shall not constitute a financial interest within the meaning of this section. Unless sold pursuant to a process of competitive bidding following public notice, no elected official or employee shall have a financial interest in the purchase of any property that:

- (1) Belongs to the County;
- (2) Is sold for taxes or assessments; or
- (3) Is sold by virtue of legal process at the suit of the County.

(b) No appointed official shall engage in a transaction described in Subsection (a) of this section unless the matter is wholly unrelated to the appointed official's County duties and responsibilities.

(c) For purposes of this section, the term "financial interest" shall not include the interest of the spouse, domestic partner, or civil union partner of an official or employee which interest is related to the independent occupation, profession or employment of the spouse.

Effective Date: This amended Ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.