



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Ordinance amending the Lake County Ethics and Conduct Code for the purpose of establishing an independent Ethics Commission.

- During their Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 meetings, the Ethics and Oversight Committee members expressed an interest in exploring the option of appointing an independent Ethics Commission for the purpose of reviewing, investigating, and hearing complaints.
- At the Committee's January 27, 2021 meeting, a presentation was provided of possible ordinance amendment options. The Committee provided staff direction to draft amendments to the Ethics and Conduct Code that would establish an independent Ethics Commission.
- At its February 24, 2021 Committee meeting, draft language for an amended ordinance was provided and reviewed by the Ethics and Oversight Committee members and an outline of proposed procedures that would be managed by the independent Commission.
- The draft Code incorporates comments provided at the February Ethics and Oversight Committee meeting. Subsequent to adoption, an application process would be created as the first step in the assembly of the independent Ethics Commission.