



State Official to Formally Brief Council and Staff on Recent Revisions to Ethics Laws

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New Orleans, LA - July 25, 2008 - On Tuesday July 29, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., City Council Members, Council staff, and other city employees will hear a presentation on revisions to the state ethics code recently passed in Special and Regular Sessions of the Louisiana Legislature.

In light of the numerous recent changes made to the ethics code, Councilmembers felt it prudent to be formally updated regarding the new laws. Continuing its proactive approach to government transparency and personal responsibility by elected officials relative to ethics laws, the Council requested the formal briefing be made by state officials.

The presentation will be conducted by State Board of Ethics Staff Attorney Courtney Jackson and held in the Purchasing Department Conference Room, 4W05, City Hall.

New Orleans City Council

The New Orleans City Council is the legislative branch of New Orleans City government. The Council considers and enacts all local laws that govern the City of New Orleans. The Council also approves the operating and capital budgets for the City, as recommended by the mayor, and continually monitors revenues and expenditures for local government operations. The City Council is also the regulatory body for public utilities. It also reviews and has final say on many land use and zoning matters, as well as considers major economic development projects for the City. As a Board of Review for Orleans Parish, the Council examines appeals of property tax assessments for real estate taxes, and certifies tax rolls to the Louisiana Tax Commission. Other responsibilities of the Council include overseeing the operation of the public access television in Orleans Parish.

The City Council is comprised of five districts and two councilmembers-at-large. Council President and Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson; Council Vice-President and Councilmember-at-Large Arnie Fielkow; District "A" Councilmember Shelley Midura; District "B" Councilmember Stacy S. Head; District "C" Councilmember James Carter; District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell; and District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis.