

RULES AMENDMENT

The Rules Committee offers the following amendment to File No. 2025-658:

- (1) On **page 1, line 12**, after "LAWS" **insert** "AND UPDATES OR OTHER MATTERS REGARDING SAME";
- (2) On **page 1, line 28**, **strike** "and ethics laws" and **insert** "~~and ethics laws~~, ethics laws, and up to one hour devoted to updates on relevant changes to or interpretations or applications of such laws, if any, or any areas of emphasis as determined by the Office of General Counsel or the City Ethics Director";
- (3) On **page 2, lines 2-12**, **strike** "Council Members and their Executive Council Assistants shall be required to attend the training provided by the Office of General Counsel during the first year of the Council Member's first term in office. Thereafter, Council Members and their Executive Council Assistants may fulfill the requirement of this Section either by attending the annual training provided by the Office of General Counsel or by reviewing/viewing training materials published by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics and the State of Florida Attorney General's Office as necessary to fulfill the requirements of Section 112.3142, *Florida Statutes*." and **insert** the following:
"Such training may include annual in person/live training totaling 4 credit hours, four in person/live trainings of 1 credit hour each, and in person, one-on-one training as follows:
 - (1) Council Members and their Executive Council

Assistants shall be required during the first year of a Council Member's term in office to attend in person if possible, or if unable to attend in person, following the submission of a written excusal submitted to the Director/Council Secretary, to view the recording of the current year's training provided by the Office of General Counsel, the City Ethics Director and the Director/Council Secretary.

(2) Thereafter, Council Members and their Executive Council Assistants may fulfill the requirements of this Section as follows:

(a) attending in person or viewing the recordings of the current year's trainings provided by the Office of General Counsel, the City Ethics Director and the Director/Council Secretary, including the annual training or other Office of General Counsel, City Ethics Director and Director/Council Secretary training sessions totaling 4 credit hours per year, or

(b) attending in person or viewing a recording of trainings offered by external organizations such as the Florida Association of Counties, the Florida League of Cities, the Florida Commission on Ethics, and the State of Florida Attorney General's Office, and also completing, by either attending in person or viewing a recording of the current year's training provided by the Office of General Counsel, the City Ethics

Director, and the Director/Council Secretary of up to one hour regarding relevant updates and changes to or interpretations or applications of Government in the Sunshine, open meetings and ethics laws, or any areas of emphasis as determined by the Office of General Counsel or the City Ethics Director. Trainings provided by external organizations shall only satisfy the requirements in this Section if such training materials have been previously approved by either the Florida Commission on Ethics or the State of Florida Attorney General's Office, or upon review and approval by the Office of General Counsel and the Office of Ethics, Compliance and Oversight."

- (4) On **page 2, line 13**, **strike** "training" and **insert** "annual trainings";
- (5) On **page 2, line 14**, after "Counsel" **insert** ", the City Ethics Director and the Director/Council Secretary";
- (6) On **page 2, line 16**, **strike** "Director of Ethics" and **insert** "City Ethics Director ~~of Ethics~~";
- (7) On **page 2, line 17**, **strike** "this training" and **insert** "these trainings";
- (8) On **page 2, lines 18-19**, **strike** "Director of Ethics" and **insert** "City Ethics Director";
- (9) On **page 2, line 20**, after "112.3142." **insert** "The Office of General Counsel and City Ethics Director shall notify the Director/Council Secretary of any one-on-one trainings

provided to individual Council Members and Executive Council Assistants."

- (10) On **page 2, line 29**, **strike** "**Section 3**" and **insert** "**Section 2**";
- (11) On **page 3, line 5**, **strike** "**Section 4**" and **insert** "**Section 3**";
- (12) On **page 1, line 1**, amend the introductory sentence to add that the bill was amended as reflected herein.

Form Approved:

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