

Ordinance #1 of 2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27-22 OF THE OGDENSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "ETHICS, CODE OF"

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg as follows:

ITEM ONE: That Chapter 27-22 of the Ogdensburg Municipal Code entitled "Ethics, Code of" be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

§ 27-22. Powers and duties; legal counsel.

- A. The Board of Ethics shall have the powers and duties prescribed by Article 18 of the General Municipal Law and shall render advisory opinions to the officers and employees of the City of Ogdensburg with respect to Article 18 of the General Municipal Law and any Code of Ethics adopted pursuant to such Article, under such rules and regulations as the Board may prescribe. In addition, the Board may make recommendations with respect to the drafting and adoption of a Code of Ethics or amendments thereto upon request of the City Council. The legal counsel of the Board of Ethics shall be the City Attorney.
- B. Ethics complaints involving City Council members shall be referred to the Board of Ethics for review and investigation. City Council shall provide any needed resources to conduct such investigation; the City Attorney shall provide legal counsel when appropriate to such investigations. In the circumstance where a referral has been made, Board of Ethics will issue a report to City Council with recommendations, including recommendations for discipline.
- C. Ethics complaints filed against a city employee (excluding the city manager) shall be referred to the city manager for review, investigation, and disposition. The city manager may refer the complaint to the Board of Ethics at the manager's discretion. In the circumstance where a referral has been made, Board of Ethics will issue a report to the city manager with recommendations, including recommendations for discipline.
- D. Ethics complaints filed against the city manager or unpaid municipal officer shall be referred to the City Council for review, investigation, and disposition. City Council may refer the complaint to the Board of Ethics at their discretion. In the circumstance where a referral has been made, Board of Ethics will issue a report to City Council with recommendations, including recommendations for discipline.

ITEM TWO: This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication of notice that shall give the title and describe same in summary form.