

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE I,  
SECTION 2-10 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES SO AS TO  
AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS  
OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS**

**WHEREAS**, the Memphis City Council recognizes the importance of getting the City of Memphis Board of Ethics operating to assume the responsibilities now being handled by the City Attorney's office; and

**WHEREAS**, Council members have submitted potential appointees for the City of Memphis Board of Ethics, none of which have been a retired judicial officer which is required by the current ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been extremely difficult to identify a retired judicial officer willing to serve as a member of the City of Memphis Board of Ethics and the Memphis City Council believes it is in the best interest of the citizens of Memphis to amend the ethics ordinance to remove this requirement.

**SECTION 1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS that Chapter 2, Article I, Section 2-10-  
10, subsection A (1) is hereby amended by adding the following language**

**Sec. 2-10-10 Board of ethics of the city.**

**A. Creation, Organization, and Membership.**

1. There is created the board of ethics of the city. The board of ethics shall consist of seven voting members. The members of the board of ethics shall have resided in the city of Memphis for five years and be selected from each of the seven city council districts of Memphis, with one member being selected from each district. Each member shall be a resident of the district he or she represents.

**SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF MEMPHIS that Chapter 2, Article I, Section 2-10-10, subsection A (7) is  
hereby amended by deleting the current language and adding the following**

7. The chair of the board of ethics shall be a retired judicial officer, who during his or her tenure presided over a Tennessee chancery, circuit, criminal, general sessions, juvenile, or probate court, or served as a federal judicial officer in a court with jurisdiction over the city, and who retired or left office in good standing. Said judicial officer shall not be a voting member of the board and shall

preside over all meetings of the board. In the event no judicial officer is appointed to the board, the Council may appoint by a majority vote of the Council a retired attorney in good standing with the Tennessee Bar Association or any other member deemed capable to serve as chair by the Board.

**SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby severable. If any of these sections, provisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or parts are held unconstitutional or void, the remainder of this Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS**, that this ordinance shall take effect from and after the date it shall have been passed by the Council, signed by the Chairman of the Council, certified and delivered to the Office of Mayor in writing by the comptroller and become effective as otherwise provided by law.

BILL BOYD  
Council Member

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Council Chairman