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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTIETH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO.	F/S (2) O-12-35	ENACTMENT NO.	

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1 ORDINANCE

- 2 AMENDING THE ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE AND THE
- 3 INSPECTOR GENERAL ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR A VOTE OF A TWO-
- 4 THIRDS MAJORITY OF THE ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT
- 5 COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF
- 6 INTERNAL AUDIT OR THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FROM OFFICE.
- 7 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
- **8 ALBUQUERQUE:**
- 9 SECTION 1. Section 2-10-5 ROA 1994 is amended as follows:
- 10 "§ 2-10-5 CREATION OF COMMITTEE; DUTIES; POWERS; MEMBERSHIP.
 - (A) The "Accountability in Government Oversight Committee" is created. The Committee shall consist of five members from the community at large. The Mayor and one Councilor appointed annually by the Council President shall be nonvoting ex officio members. The Mayor and the appointed Councilor may send designees to the Committee meetings. At least one Committee member shall be a CPA, at least one Committee member shall have a law enforcement or law background and at least one Committee member shall be a professional management consultant.
 - (B) As vacancies on the Committee occur, the Council and Mayor shall alternatively appoint new members with the Council making the first appointment. All appointments shall be subject to Council approval. The existing Committee members may make recommendations to the Mayor and Council for candidates to fill vacancies on the Committee. If either the Mayor or Council fails to name a replacement Committee member within 45 days of the vacancy, then the other body shall make the appointment. The Committee members shall be appointed for staggered terms of three years unless an

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- 1 appointment is to fill a vacancy. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for 2 the unexpired term. Terms shall begin on the first day of September. The 3 Committee members shall elect the Committee Chair annually.
 - (C) The Committee shall meet monthly or upon the call of the Chair or a majority of its members.
 - Committee members shall not receive compensation for their (D) service. Voting members of the Committee shall not serve on any other city board, commission or task force.
 - The Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Council Services or their designees may attend all Committee meetings.
 - If an Official is the subject of an investigation, then the ex officio members, their designees, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Council Services shall be recused from all meetings where that particular investigation is being discussed and they shall not have access to the investigative file during the pending investigation.
 - The Committee is a management committee and not a public board, commission or committee as specified by §§ 2-6-1-1 et seq. and not subject to the Open Meetings Act. The Committee is not formed to formulate public policy nor is authority to formulate public policy delegated to the Committee.
 - The Director or the Inspector General may only be removed from (H) office upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Committee. Within five days of removal of the Director or Inspector General, the Committee shall report the reasons for that removal to the Mayor and the Council.
 - The Committee shall annually recommend a budget to the Mayor and **(I)** Council that may include a salary adjustment for the Director or the Inspector General.
 - (J) The Committee shall provide the Director and the Inspector General with guidance, priorities and potential areas for investigations and audits. The Committee may also lend advice to the Director and the Inspector General regarding technical issues that may arise.

- 1 (K) The Committee shall coordinate the work of the Office of Internal 2 Audit and the Office of the Inspector General with the Mayor's and Council's 3 needs.
 - (L) The Committee shall not prohibit the Director or the Inspector General from initiating, carrying out or completing any audit, investigation or review. If a majority of the Committee members finds that an audit, investigation or review is questionable, then the Committee shall issue a cautionary statement to the Director or the Inspector General, as appropriate.
 - (M) The Committee shall review and approve all audit and investigatory reports at each meeting.
 - (N) The Committee shall prepare a job description, specify qualifications for applicants, work with the Director of the Human Resources Department to advertise for the position and develop the applicant search procedure and make recommendations to the Council on the selection of the Director and the Inspector General.
 - (O) Any discipline of the Director or the Inspector General, as provided by § 3-1-6 ROA 1994, shall be by the Committee. The Director and the Inspector General shall report to the Committee for approval of vacation, sick, emergency and city business leave."
 - SECTION 2. Section 2-10-6 ROA 1994 is amended as follows:
 - "§ 2-10-6 SELECTION AND RETENTION OF DIRECTOR.
 - (A) (1) The Committee, through its staff, shall receive applications from candidates, interview candidates and shall submit to Council the names of the three candidates that it finds to be the best qualified to be Director indicating its ranking and the Council shall select the Director from the three by adoption of a resolution. The Committee's recommendation to Council shall be based on the candidates' integrity, capability for strong management and demonstrated ability in accounting, auditing, financial analysis, law, management analysis, public administration, investigation, criminal justice administration or other closely related fields.
 - (2) In lieu of recommending three candidates to the Council, the Committee may recommend to the Council the reconfirmation of the incumbent Director whom the Council may choose to reconfirm. Should the

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- Council decline to reconfirm the incumbent Director, the Council President will notify the Committee that it needs to provide the Council with three alternate candidates pursuant to the provisions of Subsection A(1).
 - No former or current official or employee, except for a person who held the position of Director or Internal Auditor, may be appointed Director within four years of that person's period of service.
 - (C) Prior to the final selection of the Director, the candidate shall be fingerprinted and shall provide two fingerprint cards or the equivalent electronic fingerprints to the Committee to obtain the candidate's Federal Bureau of Investigation record. Records and related information shall be privileged and shall not be disclosed to anyone other than Committee members. The city shall pay for the cost of obtaining the Federal Bureau of Investigation records.
- (D) The selected candidate shall be confirmed by Council every four years following appointment pursuant to the provisions of Subsection A above.
- (E) The Director may only be removed from office upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Committee."
- SECTION 3. Section 2-17-5 ROA 1994 is amended as follows:
- "§ 2-17-5 SELECTION AND RETENTION OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.
- (1) The Committee, through its staff, shall receive applications from (A) candidates, interview candidates and shall submit to the City Council the names of the three candidates that it finds to be the best qualified to be Inspector General indicating its ranking and the Council shall select the Inspector General from the three by adoption of a resolution. The Committee's recommendation to Council shall be based on the candidates' integrity, capability for strong management and demonstrated ability in accounting, auditing, financial analysis, law, management analysis, public administration, investigation, criminal justice administration or other closely related fields.
- (2) In lieu of recommending three candidates to the Council, the Committee may recommend to the Council the reconfirmation of the incumbent Inspector General whom the Council may choose to reconfirm. Should the Council decline to reconfirm the incumbent Inspector General, the Council President will notify the Committee that it needs to provide the

- 1 Council with three alternate candidates pursuant to the provisions of 2 Subsection A(1).
 - (B) No former or current official or employee, except for a person who held the position of Inspector General, may be appointed Inspector General within four years of that person's period of service.
 - (C) The Inspector General shall be certified as a Certified Inspector General or obtain that certification within two years of his appointment. Other professional certifications, such as certified public accountant, certified internal auditor and certified fraud examiner are recommended.
 - (D) Prior to the final selection of the Inspector General, the candidate shall be fingerprinted and shall provide two fingerprint cards or the equivalent electronic fingerprints to the Committee to obtain the candidate's Federal Bureau of Investigation record. Records and related information shall be privileged and shall not be disclosed to anyone other than Committee members. The city shall pay for the cost of obtaining the Federal Bureau of Investigation records.
 - (E) The selected candidate shall be confirmed by Council every four years following appointment pursuant to the provisions of Subsection A above.
 - (F) The Inspector General may only be removed from office upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Committee."
 - SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, word or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance. The Council, the Governing Body of the City of Albuquerque, hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any one or more sections, sentences, clauses, words or phrases being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.
- 31 SECTION 5. COMPILATION. Sections 1-3 of this Ordinance shall be
- 32 incorporated in and made part of the Revised Ordinances of Albuquerque,
- 33 New Mexico, 1994.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect five days after publication by title and general summary. [+Bracketed/Underscored Material+] - New X:\SHARE\Legislation\Twenty\O-35fs2final.doc