



Ethics in New Orleans



Ethics Review Board

- Enforces the New Orleans City Ethics Code
- Issues advisory opinions
- Investigates alleged ethical misconduct
- Conducts hearings and issues penalties
- Appoints the Inspector General - does NOT oversee the OIG

New Orleans Code Sec. 2-716 et seq., 2-1120(3)(a)

Office of Inspector General

- Prevents and detects fraud and promotes efficiency and effectiveness
- Investigates, evaluates, and audits
- Releases results of activities through reports
- Appoints and oversees Independent Police Monitor

New Orleans Code Sec. 2-1120 and 2-1121

FUNDING

The OIG, in conjunction with the ERB, shall receive .75% of the General Fund operating budget.

New Orleans Charter Sec. 9-401(3)

COMPLAINTS

The ERB and OIG may receive complaints and both may initiate investigations.

New Orleans Code Sec. 2-719 (1), Sec. 2-784 (a), and Sec 2-1120(11)(d-e)

EDUCATION

As a prevention method, both agencies will develop education programs in order to inform the public and City employees of their respective responsibilities.

ERB Members:

- Are 7 volunteer New Orleans citizens
- 6 are nominated by local college and university presidents and appointed by the Mayor, 1 is appointed by the Mayor; and all are subject to approval by the Council
- Serve staggered 7 year terms
- Cannot be a City or government employee or elected or appointed official within 2 years before appointment

New Orleans Code Sec. 2-719(2)

The IG:

- Serves a 4 year term
- Is appointed by the ERB
- Has at least 5 years of professional experience in an IG related field
- Is a Certified Inspector General
- Cannot be a City or State employee within the past 4 years
- Cannot run for political office within 4 years after serving as IG

New Orleans Code Sec. 2-1120(3-4)

