

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
ORDINANCE NO. 820-26**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 817-26 AND RECREATE SECTION
2-390 OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING THE
ETHICS COMMITTEE**

The Common Council of the City of Columbus, Columbia County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

1. Ordinance No. 817-26 is hereby repealed in its entirety.
2. Section 2-390(a) of the City Code is repealed in its entirety and recreated to now read as follows:
 - (a) **Composition.** The Ethics Committee shall consist of 5 members comprised of residents of the City of Columbus. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Common Council.
 - (b) **Terms.** The members of the Committee shall be appointed to three-year terms in May of each year except the first appointment of members shall be made as soon as practical following adoption of this ordinance. During the initial appointment, the Mayor shall appoint two members to serve for a three-year term, two members to serve for a two-year term, and one member to serve for a one-year term. At its first meeting each year, the Committee, by majority vote, shall elect a Chair, a Vice Chair and a Secretary.
 - (c) **Alternates.** If a member of the Committee is unable to hear a specific matter for any reason, an alternate shall be appointed for the purpose of having five voting members to hear any matter. The Chair of the Plan Commission shall be the first alternate member of the Committee. If a complaint requires more than one regular member of the Committee to not participate for any reason, then the Chair of the Utility Commission shall act as the second alternate, the Chair of the Public Spaces Committee shall act as the third alternate, and the Chair of the Recreation Committee shall act as the fourth alternate for the purpose of creating a 5-member committee.
3. Sections 2-390(b), (c), (d) and (e) are hereby renumbered to sections 2-390 (d), (e), (f) and (g).
4. **Severability.** If any portion of this Ordinance or its application on any person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any other provision herein or its application shall not be affected.

5. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication or posting, as required by law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

CITY OF COLUMBUS

By: _____
Joseph Hammer, Mayor

By: _____
Susan L. Caine, Clerk