

AN ORDINANCE
NO. _____

An Ordinance amending Section 2-68 of the Columbus Code to provide that the internal auditor/compliance officer shall be subject to the direction of the Columbus Council acting through a designated member of Council, and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Section 2-68 of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by replacing the first paragraph so that, as amended, Section 2-68 shall read as follows:

“Sec. 2-68. - Supervision and direction.

The internal auditor/compliance officer shall be subject to the supervision and direction of the Columbus Council. With respect to day-to-day administrative matters, the Internal Auditor’s Office shall report to one Councilor whom the Council shall designate from time to time by written resolution. Other direction shall be by resolutions of Columbus Council, written or oral, or written requests of the Mayor, which shall include direction to the internal auditor/compliance officer to conduct inquiries and investigations and shall include the purpose and scope of said inquiries or investigations.

The internal auditor shall notify the mayor, city manager and council in writing within three business days of the initiation of any audit. Before such reports are submitted to the mayor, city manager and Columbus Council, the subject of the audit, including but not limited to, the department head, office, commission, board, authority or elected official involved or their designee, shall file a written response to the report with the internal auditor/compliance officer within ten business days of receipt of the report. The entire report and the result of such inquiries or investigations shall be submitted concurrently by hard copy to the mayor, city manager and Columbus Council.”

SECTION 2.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 28th day of April 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of _____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Anker	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Hickey	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Mayor