



MEMORANDUM

Date: November 14, 2024 City Commission meeting

To: The City Commission for the City of Key West

From: Ron Ramsingh, City Attorney

Subject: Amendment of Advisory Board Ordinance Prohibiting Members of the City Commission Serving on Advisory Boards or Screening Committees

Sponsors: Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover

Background

Currently, Secs. 2-281 and 2-282 do not expressly prohibit a member of the city commission from serving on an advisory board or screening committee. In two instances since 2023, a member of the city commission served as their own representative on a screening committee for a selection that they would also vet and consider as a member of the city commission. The proposed ordinance amendment will prohibit any member of the city commission from serving as their own representative to a screening committee or advisory board.

Cost

This is a proposal involving procedures of the city commission. There is no cost to the City of Key West.

Options:

1. PASS the proposed ordinance amendment which would prohibit a member of the city commission from serving as their own representative to a screening committee or an advisory board.
2. DENY the proposed ordinance. Members of the city commission could continue to serve as their own appointee to an advisory board or a screening committee

Recommendation:

Since this is a matter of procedure for the city commission, the city attorney makes no recommendation.