FULL NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND NORTH DAKOTA ETHICS COMMISSION RULES

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Ethics Commission will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 115-02-01 at 9:00 am on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 600 E Boulevard Ave, Judicial Wing Room 321, Bismarck and on Microsoft Teams here. The proposed amendments implement bill number 2048, enacted during the most recent legislative session, concerning definitions applicable to the Ethics Commission's complaint process and providing notice to a respondent. The purpose of the proposed amendments is to implement these statutory amendments into the Ethics Commission's rules. The proposed amendments set and clarify definitions for complaints, expand the definition of who may file a complaint with the Commission, clarify the definition of a respondent, set a standard for when a complaint is considered filed, and modify the notice requirements to a respondent. The proposed amendments are not expected to have an impact on the regulated community in excess of \$50,000. These are not emergency rules.

The proposed rules may be found at www.ethicscommission.nd.gov. A copy of the proposed rules may be requested by writing 600 E Boulevard Ave, Dept 195, Bismarck, ND 58505, e-mailing ethicscommission@nd.gov, or calling (701) 328-5325. Written or oral comments on the proposed rules sent to the above address or emailed to ethicscommission@nd.gov and received by January 15, 2024 will be fully considered. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Ethics Commission at (701) 328-5325 or the above mailing address at least 14 days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 26 day of October, 2023. Rebecca Binstock, Executive Director, North Dakota Ethics Commission