

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**



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BEGA LOBBYING REGISTRATION & REPORTING FEE UPDATE

The District of Columbia Council passed the B26-0661 - Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Support Act of 2026, amending Lobbyist Registration, Fees, and Late Filing Fees. Starting on October 1, 2026, the fee for Lobbying Registration will be increased from \$350 to \$500, and the fee for Nonprofit Lobbying Registration will be increased from \$100 to \$250. This registration requirement and fee apply to both 501(c)(3) **AND** 501(c)(4) non-profit organizations. The Civil Penalty for late filings of \$100 per day up to 60 days will increase to \$200 per day up to 60 calendar days. Accordingly, on October 1, 2026, all lobbyists and clients must timely file registration forms and activity reports or face a \$200 penalty for each day the filing is late, up to \$12,000. Fines will accrue and be imposed after each statutory deadline.

LOBBYIST PROGRAM FILING DEADLINES:

- Each registrant shall file a Lobbyist Registration Form at the following times:
 - No later than fifteen (15) days after becoming a lobbyist; and
 - On or before January 15th of each year thereafter.
- Each registrant shall file lobbyist Activity Reports for the previous three (3) month period each year on the following dates:
 - January 15th, for the period covering October 1st through December 31st;
 - April 15th, for the period covering January 1st through March 31st;
 - July 15th, for the period covering April 1st through June 30th; and
 - October 15th, for the period covering July 1st through September 30th.

If you would like more information regarding this, please email bega.lobby@dc.gov or visit our website <https://bega.dc.gov/service/lobbying>.