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Annie Wacker, Ethics Board Chair  
City Hall, Room 205  
200 E. Wells Street  
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Dear Chair Annie Wacker,

On February 5, 2019, the Common Council amended the City of Milwaukee Code of Ordinances (59-3-3), establishing a nine member Board of Health. I am writing to ask the Ethic's Board to determine if the City of Milwaukee Health Department's Board of Health members are required to file a statement of economic interests in accordance with the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances Chapter 303-Code of Ethics.

As described in the ordinance, the Board of Health shall:

1. Assure the enforcement of state public health statutes and public health rules of the state department of health services as prescribed for a level III local health department.
2. Assure the health department operates as a level III local health department as defined by the state.
3. Report to the state department of health services as required.
4. Meet at least quarterly.
5. Assess public health needs and advocate for the provision of reasonable and necessary public health services.
6. Develop policy and provide leadership that fosters local involvement and commitment, that emphasizes public health needs and that advocates for equitable distribution of public health resources and complementary private activities commensurate with public health needs.
7. Assure that measures are taken to provide an environment in which individuals can be healthy.

Board of Health members will participate in orientation in August 2019, with the first meeting taking place in September 2019.

I am asking for you to take up the topic at the next Ethic's Board meeting. Thank you for your consideration,

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