

**Ordinance of the County Board  
of  
Kankakee County, Illinois**

**RE: AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2-229 OF THE KANKAKEE COUNTY CODE'S ETHIC  
ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Kankakee County Board amended Section 2-229 of the Kankakee County Code by passing ordinance # 2017-10-10-136 which ordained that the County Board appoint an ethics advisor, and;

**WHEREAS**, the responsibilities of ethics advisor involve advising the ethics commission and prosecuting ethics violations, and;

**WHEREAS**, the State's Attorney's Office is best equipped to provide for these duties except when that office has an articulated conflict, and;

**WHEREAS**, at the regular Executive Committee Meeting of March 26, 2019, after review, discussion and consideration, the committee recommends that Section 2-229 of the Kankakee County Code be amended to read:

Section 2-229 Designation; duties; appointed.

(a) Designation. The chairperson, with the advice and consent of the county board, shall designate an ethics advisor for the county. The duties of the ethics advisor may be delegated to an officer or employee of the county unless the position has been created as an office by the county board.

(b) Duties. The ethics advisor shall provide guidance to the officers and employees of the county concerning the interpretation of this article and state ethics laws. The ethics advisor shall perform such other duties as may be delegated by the county board.

(c) Appointed. The county state's attorney is designated and appointed as the county ethics advisor except in instances in which the state's attorney has an articulated conflict. In such instance, the state's attorney shall request the state appellate prosecutor or similarly situated agency to fulfill the responsibilities of county ethics advisor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Kankakee County Board that Section 2-229 of the Kankakee County Code shall be amended to read:

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**PASSED** and adopted this 9th day of April, 2019.

  
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Andrew H. Wheeler, County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Dan Hendrickson, County Clerk