Subject: Employee Cooperation in Investigations

Departmental Policy No. 2-2

Effective: Upon Approval

### I. Purpose

To ensure that Department of Public Works and Engineering employees cooperate with authorized or official investigations which encompass the employee's employment with the City of Houston.

# II. Scope

This policy applies to all Department of Public Works and Engineering employees and supersedes any other former Departmental policy, procedure or directive.

## III. Policy

Department of Public Works and Engineering employees are required to cooperate in any official investigation concerning the scope of their employment, whether the employee is a witness, complainant or the subject of the investigation. This policy applies if the investigation is being conducted by the employee's particular department/division or any other investigating authority.

Employees are expected to act with integrity and to tell the truth. Providing false information will be considered a failure to cooperate. An allegation of misconduct could harm the reputation and career of the person accused. Therefore, making a false allegation may result in disciplinary action up to and including indefinite suspension.

## IV. Compliance

Adherence to the above is mandatory. Any employee who violates this policy may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including indefinite suspension.

### V. Exception

Policy exceptions and/or violations shall be brought to the attention of the Director or Designee for review and recommended course of action.

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