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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	13001	Agenda Number	3.
Meeting Date:	3/8/2012		Department:	City Clerk's Office
Subject				
Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 2-2 of the City Code to allow the City Clerk, pursuant to state campaign finance law, to terminate the campaign treasurer appointment of an inactive candidate or an inactive political committee.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
No Budget Impact				
Fiscal Note				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	Shirley Gentry - 974-2210			
Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

This item takes advantage of a state law that allows City Clerks to purge inactive treasurer appointments.

Sometimes people who are new to the political process become candidates or form PACs and are unaware that state campaign finance law imposes ongoing filing requirements as long as a campaign treasurer appointment is on file.

This is a way of protecting them from additional liability for potential fines that can build up over time, and it allows the clerk's office to clean up the files. Inactive filings are confusing to the public.

It's permitted by Sec. 252.0131 of the Election Code. It provides for a lot of notice to potentially affected candidates and PACs. It is routinely done by the Texas Ethics Commission for state-level filers.