

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2-2 THE CITY CODE RELATED TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING, AND CREATING AN OFFENSE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. Chapter 2-2 of the City Code is amended by adding a new Section 2-2-29 to read as follows:

§ 2-2-29 SPECIAL PRE-ELECTION REPORTS.

(A) This section applies to

- (1) a candidate who accepts contributions that total more than \$2,500 during the period beginning the 9th day before the date of an election and ending at noon on the day before the date of an election;
- (2) a candidate who makes expenditures that total more than \$2,500 during the period beginning the 9th day before the date of an election and ending at noon on the day before the date of an election;
- (3) a political committee that accepts contributions that total more than \$2,500 during the period beginning the 9th day before the date of an election and ending at noon on the day before the date of an election;
- (4) a political committee that makes expenditures total more than \$2,500 during the period beginning the 9th day before the date of an election and ending at noon on the day before the date of an election; and
- (5) a political committee that that makes independent expenditures that total more than exceed \$1,000 during the period beginning the 9th day before the date of an election and ending at noon on the day before the date of an election.

(B) A candidate or political committee described in Subsection (A) shall file a special pre-election report with the City Clerk that includes the following information:

- (1) the name of the candidate or political committee;
- (2) the name and address of each contributor making a contribution, or contributions, that total more than \$50 during the period beginning the

1 9th day before the date of the election and ending at noon on the day
2 before the date of the election;

3 (3) the amount of each contribution;

4 (4) the date each contribution was accepted;

5 (5) a description of any in-kind contribution;

6 (6) the amount of each expenditure over \$100 made during the period beginning
7 the 9th day before the date of an election and ending at noon on the day before
8 the date of an election, the name and address of each person to whom a
9 reportable expenditure was made, and the date and the purpose of the
10 expenditure.

11 (C) A candidate or political committee must file a special pre-election report each
12 time the reporting thresholds prescribed by Subsection (A) are met. The filing
13 of one special pre-election report does not excuse the filing of a subsequent
14 report or reports for the same period if the reporting thresholds prescribed by
15 Subsection (A) are met more than once.

16 (D) A special pre-election report shall be filed electronically, unless otherwise
17 exempted from electronic filing.

18 (1) A special pre-election report filed electronically must be received by the
19 city clerk no later than midnight of the first business day after the date
20 that a contribution that triggers the filing requirement is accepted or after
21 an expenditure that triggers the filing requirement is made.

22 (2) A special pre-election report that is filed on paper must be received by
23 the commission no later than 5 p.m. of the first business day after that
24 date that a contribution that triggers the filing requirement is accepted or
25 after an expenditure that triggers the filing requirement is made.

26 (3) Any information reported on a special pre-election report must also be
27 reported on the candidate's or political committee's next contribution and
28 expenditure report.

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30 **PART 2.** This ordinance takes effect on August 1, 2012.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk

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