

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2-2 OF THE CITY CODE RELATED TO ELECTRONIC FILING OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS AND CHAPTER 4-8 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO REGULATION OF LOBBYISTS.

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

PART 1. No later than August 1, 2013, the city clerk shall create a publicly available, searchable, and downloadable database of all campaign finance and lobbying reports filed with the city clerk. The city manager shall provide the necessary technical support.

PART 2. No later the June 28, 2012, the city clerk shall report to the council on the implementation of the database described in Part 1, including an estimate of the cost.

PART 3. Subsection (A) of Section 2-2-26 of the City Code (*Electronic Filing*) is amended to read as follows, Subsections (B) and (C) are repealed, and Subsection (D) is relettered as Subsection (B):

- (A) A [Except as provided at Subsection (B), a] candidate or candidate's campaign committee must file City election contribution and expenditure reports electronically as determined by the city clerk. The electronic format must allow for searching by words or fields.

PART 4. Section 4-8-6 of the City Code (*Registration*) is amended by adding new Subsections (D) and (E) to read as follows:

- (D) A registrant must file a registration required by this section and an activity report required by Section 4-8-7 electronically as determined by the city clerk. The electronic format must allow for searching by words or fields.
- (E) The city clerk shall post the registration required by this section and an activity report required by Section 4-8-7 no later than the next business day after the date that the city clerk receives the registration or the report.

PART 5. This ordinance takes effect on May 7, 2012, except for Parts 3 and 4 of this ordinance which take effect on August 1, 2013.

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