

**ORDINANCE NO. 20171005-029**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 2-2 RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ELECTION FUNDRAISING TIME PERIODS; AND CREATING AN OFFENSE.**

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

**PART 1.** Subsection (4) of City Code Section 2-2-2 (*Definitions*) is amended to read:

- (4) CAMPAIGN PERIOD means the time period allowed in City Charter Article III, Section 8 (*Limits on Campaign Contributions and Expenditures*) and Section 2-2-7 of this chapter.

**PART 2.** City Code Section 2-2-7 (*Commencement of Campaign Period*) is amended to read:

**§ 2-2-7 COMMENCEMENT OF CAMPAIGN PERIOD.**

- (A) A general election, special election, and [a] runoff election each have a separate campaign period[s] for purposes of City Charter Article III, Section 8 (*Limits on Campaign Contributions and Expenditures*) and this chapter. The contribution limits set forth in City Charter Article III, Section 8 (*Limits on Campaign Contributions and Expenditures*) apply separately to each general election, runoff election, and special election.
- (B) The campaign period for a general election begins the 365th day before the date of the general election.
- (C) [~~(B)~~] The campaign period for a runoff election begins the day after the date of an election [~~Election~~] at which no candidate receives the majority of the votes.
- (D) [~~(C)~~] The campaign period for a special election, including a recall election, begins the day after the date the council calls the special election.
- (E) An unsuccessful candidate may only solicit or accept political contributions after an election to the extent authorized by City Charter, Article III, Section 8 (*Limits on Campaign Contributions and Expenditures*), Subsection (F)(4).

(F) An officeholder may only solicit or accept political contributions after an election to the extent authorized by City Charter, Article III, Section 8 (Limits on Campaign Contributions and Expenditures), Subsection (F)(5).

(G) ~~(D)~~ A candidate may only raise funds for an election during an authorized campaign period.

**PART 3.** This ordinance takes effect on October 16, 2017.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

October 5, 2017

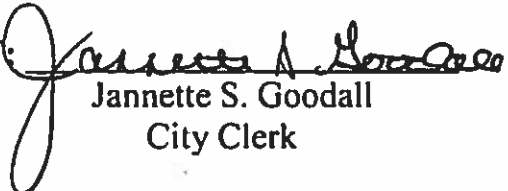
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