

Chapter 2.11

ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

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A. A voluntary expenditure ceiling is hereby established for each election to city elective office in an amount equal to one dollar per resident of the city. As used in this section, the term "city elective office" shall mean the offices of mayor and of member of the city council.

B. The city council shall determine the number of residents in the city for the purposes of this section by resolution adopted not less than seven months prior to each regular city election.

C. Prior to accepting any contributions, each candidate for city elective office shall file with the city clerk a statement of acceptance or rejection of the voluntary expenditure ceiling established herein.

D. No candidate for city elective office who accepts the voluntary expenditure ceiling established herein and no controlled campaign committee of such a candidate shall make campaign expenditures cumulatively in excess of the voluntary ceiling established herein.

E. Each candidate who accepts the voluntary expenditure ceiling established herein shall be subject to the following contribution limit, five hundred dollars per election from an individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture syndicate, business trust, company corporation, limited liability company, association, committee, and any other organization or group of persons acting in concert.

Each candidate who rejects the voluntary expenditure ceiling established herein shall be subject to the following contribution limit, one hundred dollars per election from an individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture syndicate, business trust, company corporation, limited liability company, association, committee, and any other organization or group of persons acting in concert.

F. As to each such candidate, the city clerk shall provide notification to voters that the candidate has accepted or rejected the voluntary expenditure ceiling established herein.

G. Contribution limits do not apply to a candidate's personal funds used to support his or her own election.

H. In the event a candidate accepts a contribution and then becomes aware it is in violation of the contribution limit, that violation by the candidate may be excused if the candidate returns the contribution within fourteen days of

becoming aware of the violation. Violation of this section shall be an infraction. (Ord. 421 §§ 1—5, 2007; Ord. 333 § 2, 1997)