

ARTICLE II. - CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

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State Law reference— *Authority to limit, Elections Code § 22808.*

Sec. 7-26. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Campaign treasurer means a campaign treasurer serving on behalf of a candidate seeking elective office in the city.

Candidate means a candidate for elective office in and for the city, and applies only to a city-conducted election.

Citizens' initiative measure means a measure sponsored by the citizens of the city whose purpose is to change the laws of the city.

Fiscal year means July 1 through June 30.

Loan means any extensions of credit, but does not mean loans made to a candidate or individual or committee seeking money to support a citizens' initiative measure by a commercial institution in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the general public.

Person means an individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture, syndicate, business trust, company, corporation, association, committee and labor organization.

Political committee includes a political action committee and a broad-based political committee, and means any committee of persons which receives contributions from two or more persons and acts in concert on behalf of a candidate or on behalf of a citizens' initiative measure.

(Code 1968, § 2-113)

Cross reference— Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 7-27. - Limitations on contributions to candidates.

- (a) A person shall not make to a candidate for city council, and a candidate for city council shall not accept from a person, a contribution totaling more than the amount set forth in California Government Code § 85301 subdivision (a) per calendar year, as that amount is increased by the fair political practices commission pursuant to California Government Code § 83124.
- (b) A person shall not make to a candidate for mayor, city clerk or city treasurer, and a candidate for city mayor, city clerk or city treasurer, shall not accept from a person, a contribution totaling more than the amount set forth in California Government Code § 85303 subdivision (a) per calendar year, as that

amount is increased by the fair political practices commission pursuant to California Government Code § 83124.

(Code 1968, § 2-114; Ord. No. 1495, § 7, 12-20-05; Ord. No. 1857, § 2, 12-8-20)

Sec. 7-28. - Limitations on contributions to support citizen-initiated measures.

All contribution and campaign limitations relating to supporting citizen-initiated measures shall follow the state's regulations.

(Code 1968, § 2-115; Ord. No. 1495, § 7, 12-20-05)

Sec. 7-29. - Duties of deputy city clerk.

The deputy city clerk shall administer the provisions of this chapter. In addition to other duties required of the deputy city clerk under the terms of this chapter, the deputy city clerk shall:

- (1) Supply appropriate forms and manuals to all candidates and committees, and to other persons required to file reports.
- (2) Determine whether required documents have been filed and, if so, whether they conform on their face with the requirements of this chapter and state law.
- (3) Notify promptly all persons and known committees who have failed to file a document in the form and at the time required by this chapter, and promptly notify a person, candidate, campaign treasurer, political committee or broad-based political committee of any violations of this chapter. The deputy city clerk shall inform the person, candidate, campaign treasurer, political committee or broad-based political committee that they shall have two weeks to correct the violation.
- (4) Compile and maintain a current list of all statements or parts of statements filed with the city clerk's office pertaining to each candidate.
- (5) Monitor reports and statements filed by candidates and committees supporting or opposing candidates for city council, mayor, city clerk and city treasurer as required by this chapter.

(Ord. No. 1857, § 3, 12-8-20)

Sec. 7-30. - Violation—penalty.

- (a) Upon notification to the city prosecutor by the deputy city clerk of a violation that has not been corrected pursuant to section 7-29(3), the city prosecutor shall issue a citation for the violation. Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter relating to campaign contributions and disclosure is guilty of an infraction, punishable in accordance with article XI of chapter 2 of this Code, as modified below in subsection (b) of this section.
- (b) Every violation of this chapter shall be subject to: (1) a fine of \$100.00 for a first violation; (2) a fine of \$200.00 for a second violation within one year; (3) a fine of \$500.00 for each additional violation within one year.

(Ord. No. 1857, § 3, 12-8-20)

