2.60.065 Mandatory contribution limits.

A. A person shall not make to a candidate for elective city office, and a candidate for elective city office shall not accept from a person, a contribution totaling more than $500.00 per election, as that amount is adjusted by the city clerk pursuant to subsection E of this section.

B. Each candidate and controlled committee shall, before accepting any contributions, file with the city clerk, on a form provided by the clerk, a statement acknowledging the contribution limits established by this section.

C. Candidates or controlled committees may retain no more than $500.00, as adjusted, in cumulative contributions per campaign period from any single contributor. Any amount in excess of $500.00, as adjusted, received from any single contributor shall be returned to the contributor within 15 business days of the candidate’s or controlled committee’s receipt of the excess contribution.

D. Contributions to a candidate and contributions to a candidate’s controlled committee shall be cumulated for the purposes of the mandatory contribution limits of this chapter.

E. The city clerk shall adjust the contribution limits in January of every odd-numbered year to reflect any increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index. Those adjustments shall be rounded to the nearest $10.00.

F. For purposes of this chapter, contributions by a dependent child shall be treated as contributions by their legal parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s). “Dependent child” means any person under the age of 18 years old for whom a legal parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is/are responsible for their day to day care and support. If there is joint custody of the dependent child, one-half of the contribution shall be attributed to each legal parent and/or legal guardian, and if there is a single custodial parent and/or legal guardian, the entire contribution shall be attributed to that parent and/or legal guardian. (Ord. 6409 § 1, 2021; Ord. 6183 § 3, 2020; Ord. 5878 § 2, 2017; Ord. 3717 § 1, 2001; Ord. 3599 § 1, 2000; Ord. 3557 § 1, 2000; Ord. 3487 § 2, 2000.)