

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2-2 OF THE CITY CODE RELATED TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

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

PART 1. City Code Subsection 2-2-2(3) (*Definitions*) is amended to read:

- (3) CAMPAIGN PERIOD means the time period allowed in City Charter Article III, Section 8 [(F)(2)] (*Limits on Campaign Contributions and Expenditures*). [~~Runoff elections and recall elections have separate campaign periods.~~]

PART 2. City Code Subsection 2-2-2(8) (*Definitions*) is amended to read:

- (8) ELECTION or CITY ELECTION means the process by which an individual (whether opposed or unopposed) seeks election to City office, excluding an election for a [~~A “runoff election” and a “recall election” are separate elections. For the purposes of this chapter, “City election” and “election” shall not include~~] ballot measure [~~measures~~].

PART 3. City Code Section 2-2-2 (*Definitions*) is amended to add a new Subsection (22) to read as follows, and to renumber the remaining subsections accordingly:

- (22) RUNOFF ELECTION means an election following an election in which no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.

PART 4. City Code Chapter 2-2 is amended to add a new Section 2-2-7 to read:

§ 2-2-7 COMMENCEMENT OF CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

- (A) A general election, special election, and a runoff election each have a separate campaign periods for purposes of City Charter Article III, Section 8 (*Limits on Campaign Contributions and Expenditures*) and this chapter.
- (B) The campaign period for a runoff election begins the day after the date of an Election at which no candidate receives the majority of the votes.
- (C) The campaign period for a special election, including a recall election, begins the day after the date the council calls the special election.

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

3 **PART 5.** This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2009.

4 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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15 City Attorney

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