

ORDINANCE NO. 20120308-003

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

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

PART 1. Chapter 2-2 (*Campaign Finance*) is amended to add a new Section 2-2-8 to read:

§2-2-8 TERMINATION OF INACTIVE CAMPAIGN TREASURER APPOINTMENT.

- (A) In this section, “inactive candidate” or “inactive political committee” means a candidate or political committee that:
 - (1) has not filed a required report under Texas Election Code, Chapter 254 (*Political Reporting*), for more than one year since the last reporting deadline;
 - (2) in the case of a candidate, has not been elected to an office for which a candidate is required to file a campaign treasurer appointment with the city clerk; and
 - (3) has not filed:
 - (A) a final report under Texas Election Code, Section 254.065 (*Final Report*) or 254.125 (*Final Report of Committee for Supporting or Opposing Candidate or Measure*); or
 - (B) a dissolution report under Texas Election Code, Section 254.126 (*Dissolution Report of Committee for Assisting Officeholder*) or 254.159 (*Dissolution Report*).
- (B) The city clerk may terminate the campaign treasurer appointment of an inactive candidate or inactive political committee.
- (C) Before the city clerk may terminate a campaign treasurer appointment under this section, the city council must consider and approve the proposed termination in a regularly scheduled open meeting.
- (D) Before the city clerk may terminate a campaign treasurer appointment under this section the city clerk must provide written notice to the affected candidate or committee of:
 - (1) the proposed termination of the candidate's or committee's campaign treasurer appointment;

- (2) the date, time, and place of the meeting at which the city council will consider the proposed termination; and
 - (3) the effect of termination of the candidate's or committee's campaign treasurer appointment.
- (E) The termination of a campaign treasurer appointment under this section takes effect on the 30th day after the date of the meeting at which the city council votes to terminate the appointment. Following that meeting, the city clerk shall promptly notify the affected candidate or political committee that the appointment has been terminated. The notice must state the effective date of the termination.

PART 2. This ordinance takes effect on March 19, 2012.

PASSED AND APPROVED

March 8, 2012

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Lee Leffingwell
Mayor

APPROVED: _____
Karen M. Kennard
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk