

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2-2 THE CITY CODE RELATED TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING, AND CREATING AN OFFENSE.**

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

**PART 1.** Chapter 2-2 of the City Code is amended by adding a new Section 2-2-29 to read as follows:

**§ 2-2-29 SPECIAL PRE-ELECTION REPORTS.**

(A) This section applies to

- (1) a candidate who accepts contributions that total more than \$10,000 during the period beginning the 9th day before the date of an election and ending at 5 p.m. on the day before the date of an election;
- (2) a political committee that accepts contributions that total more than \$2,500 during the period beginning the 9th day before the date of an election and ending at 5 p.m. on the day before the date of an election; and
- (3) a political committee that makes expenditures that total more than \$1,000 during the period beginning the 9th day before the date of an election and ending at 5 p.m. on the day before the date of an election.

(B) A candidate described in Subsection (A) shall file a special pre-election report with the City Clerk that includes the following information:

- (1) the name of the candidate;
- (2) the name and address of each contributor making a contribution, or contributions, that total more than \$200 during the period beginning the 9th day before the date of the election and ending at 5p.m. on the day before the date of the election;
- (3) the amount of each contribution;
- (4) the date each contribution was accepted; and
- (5) a description of any in-kind contribution.

1 (C) A political committee described in Subsection (A) shall file a special pre-  
2 election report with the City Clerk that includes the following information:

- 3 (1) the name of the political committee;
- 4 (2) the name and address of each contributor making a contribution, or  
5 contributions, that total more than \$200 during the period beginning the  
6 9th day before the date of the election and ending at 5p.m. on the day  
7 before the date of the election;
- 8 (3) the amount of each contribution;
- 9 (4) the date each contribution was accepted;
- 10 (5) a description of any in-kind contribution;
- 11 (6) the amount of each expenditure over \$1,000 made during the period  
12 beginning the 9th day before the date of an election and ending at 5p.m.  
13 on the day before the date of an election, the name and address of each  
14 person to whom a reportable expenditure was made, and the date and the  
15 purpose of the expenditure.

16 (D) A candidate or political committee must file a special pre-election report each  
17 time the reporting thresholds prescribed by Subsection (A) are met. The filing  
18 of one special pre-election report does not excuse the filing of a subsequent  
19 report or reports for the same period if the reporting thresholds prescribed by  
20 Subsection (A) are met more than once.

21 (E) A special pre-election report shall be filed electronically, unless otherwise  
22 exempted from electronic filing.

- 23 (1) A special pre-election report must be received by the city clerk no later  
24 than 5p.m. of the first business day after the date that a contribution that  
25 triggers the filing requirement is accepted or after an expenditure that  
26 triggers the filing requirement is made.
- 27 (2) The city clerk shall post a special pre-election report on the City's Web  
28 site no later than 5 p.m. on the first business day after the date that the  
29 city clerk receives the report.
- 30 (3) Any information reported on a special pre-election report must also be  
31 reported on the candidate's or political committee's next contribution and  
32 expenditure report.

**PART 2.** This ordinance takes effect on August 1, 2012.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

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Mayor

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City Attorney

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