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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	47625	Agenda Number	4.
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Meeting Date:	8/6/2015	Department:	City Clerk's Office
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 2-2 of the City Code relating to the electronic filing of information in campaign finance reports.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	June 25, 2015 - Approved a resolution directing the City Clerk to create a Campaign Finance Data Initiative.
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

On June 25, 2015, Council approved Resolution No. 20150625-022 which directed the City Manager to develop an ordinance, for Council consideration at the first Council meeting in August, requiring that periodic reports of all contributions and expenditures by a candidate, officeholder, or political committee, that are required to be filed under the Texas Election Code or under the Austin City Code, be filed in an electronic format as directed by the City Clerk.

The resolution also directed the City Manager and City Clerk to: (1) develop a simple, cost-effective means for filers to submit campaign finance report raw data to the City, (2) create a downloadable, searchable, publicly accessible online database containing the raw data from the campaign finance reports, which should be fully functioning no later than February 1, 2016, (3) develop an implementation plan for the development of the electronic filing system to be presented to the Council Audit and Finance Committee within 30 days of the passage of the ordinance, and (4) make monthly progress reports to the Council Audit and Finance Committee to ensure that the system is implemented completely and in a timely manner.