



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Election Code Committee

STAFF

Sara Arfmann, Legal
Delynn Coldiron, City Clerk
Carrie Daggett, Legal

SUBJECT

Revised Potential Code Changes Regarding the Campaign Complaint Process and the Campaign Contribution Limits.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the October 21, 2024 meeting of the Election Code Committee (ECC), staff presented drafted code changes for Sections 7-145 and 7-135. Members of the ECC provided valuable input and requested edits to both sections. Staff has provided a revised draft of the proposed changes.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

During the last ECC meeting, drafted changes were presented for both Sections 7-145 (campaign complaint process) and 7-135 (contribution limits) and staff received feedback regarding additional changes and clarifications from the Committee and a community member. The majority of the changes made to Section 7-145 reflect the wish to make the steps for the complaint process clearer and more approachable. A subsection was added outlining the complaint process itself and headings were added to help with navigating the lengthy section. The timeline for the City Clerk to conduct the preliminary review, 3 days, was clarified, as well as that any dismissal notifications contain the reason for the dismissal.

Section 7-135 includes the requested updated contribution limits. The campaign limits in subsection (a)(1) were updated to state the limit related to the office of the Mayor was increased from \$100 to \$200, and the limit related to the office of Councilmember was increased from \$75 to \$150. Additionally, there were clarifications regarding the process for accepting electronic donations/payments, third-party transaction fees charged by an intermediary service, and changing the timing for remitting any contribution in excess of the limits. Finally, a subsection addressing cryptocurrency was added.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Revised proposed Code language for campaign complaint process
2. Revised proposed Code language for contribution limits
3. Presentation