



Revised Proposed Changes to the Campaign Complaint Process & Contribution Limits

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Overview of Changes – Campaign Violations



- Staff listened to the requested changes from the Committee and reviewed submitted edits from the community
- A new subsection (b) was added that outlines the stages of a complaint:

Complaint Process: All complaints filed under this section will be reviewed in the following manner, however if a complaint is dismissed at any stage it will end at that stage and will not proceed to the next:

- 1) Preliminary Review;
- 2) Separation of Criminal Complaints from Civil Infractions, only Civil Infractions proceed to the next stage;
- 3) Evidentiary Review;
- 4) Investigation; and
- 5) Referral to Municipal Court.
- Headings were added to assist in navigating the lengthy section
- Clearly states that when a complaint is dismissed the reasoning for the dismissal will be included in the required notifications

Overview of Changes – Contribution Limits



Updated contribution limits:

• Mayor: \$100 - \$200

Councilmember: \$75 - \$150

• Added clarifications regarding electronic donations/payments, including a new subsection:

Electronic contributions. A contribution made by credit card, PayPal, or other payment intermediary service is accepted on the date the contributor authorizes the payment, or if unknown, on the date the payment intermediary service electronically transfers the contribution.

• Added a new subsection addressing third-party transaction fees:

Third-Party transaction fees. If a third-party transaction fee is charged by an intermediary service, only the amount the committee receives is attributable to the committee.

Added a new subsection addressing cryptocurrency:

No candidate committee, issue committee, small-scale issue committee or political committee may accept contributions made in cryptocurrency. Any such contributions received must be returned immediately upon the committee becoming aware of it.



Questions?