

Proposed Changes to the Campaign Complaint Process & Contribution Limits

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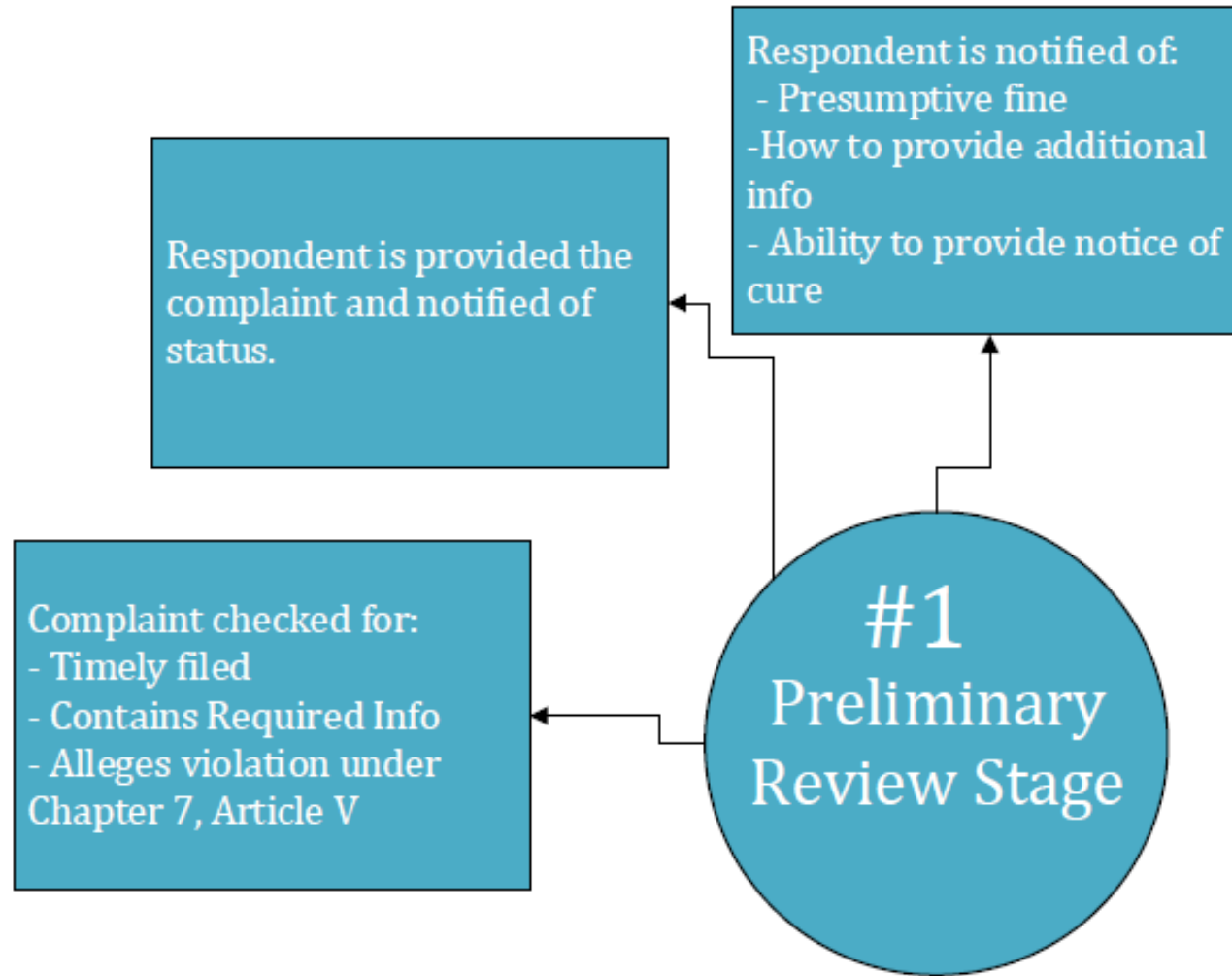
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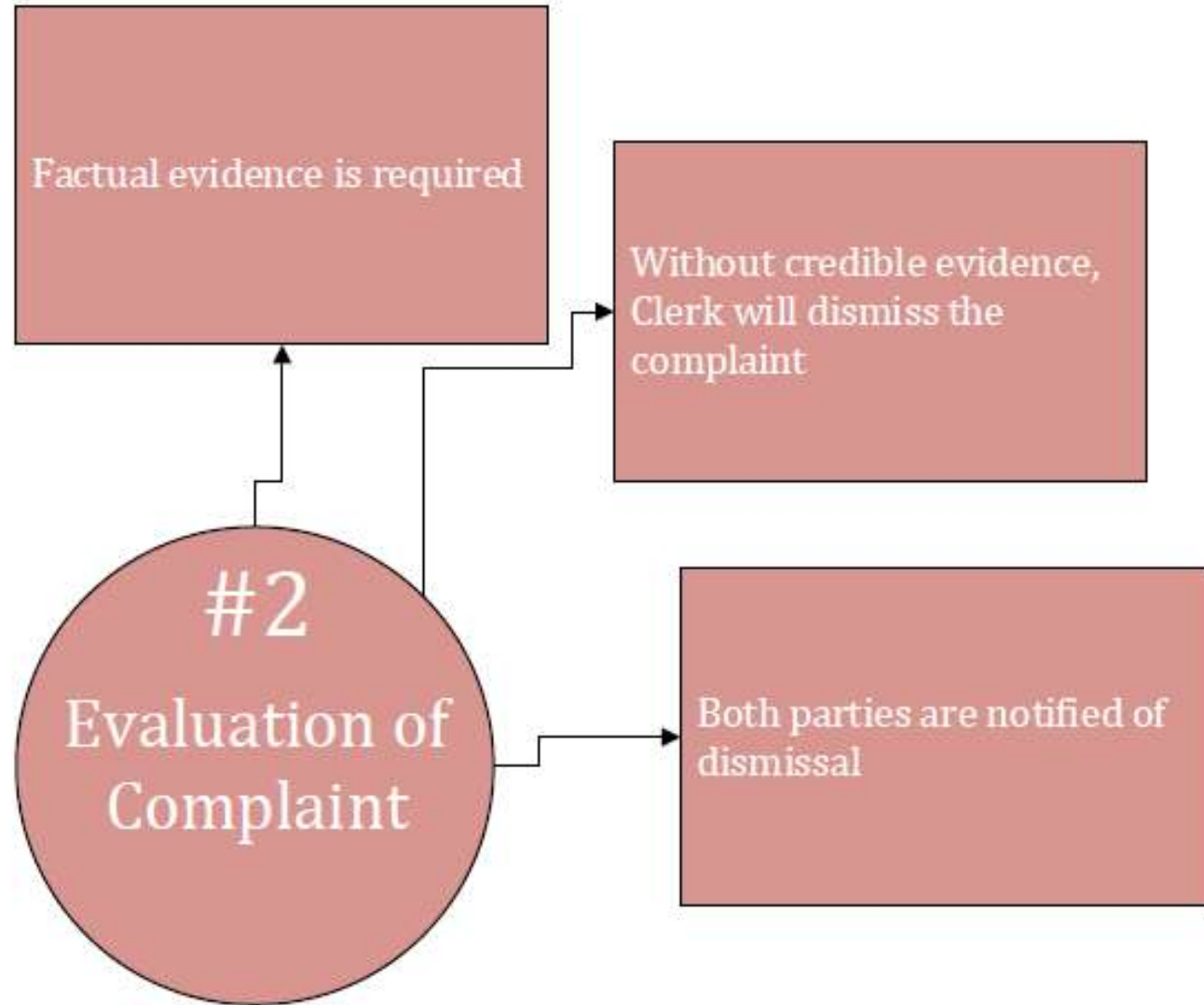
Overview of Proposed Changes

- Complainant must have a “reasonable, good faith belief, based on factual information” that a violation occurred
 - Currently it only states that a person has “reason to believe” a violation occurred
- Requires complainant to provide all documents/evidence of the violation known to them to support the complaint
- Clarifies that the City Clerk makes the determination with consultation with the City Attorney’s Office
- Clearly states that outside counsel will be retained if the complaint involves a candidate for an elected position
- Clearly states that the CAO may retain any internal or outside investigatory services to conduct an investigation
- Creates a more streamlined and easier to understand process
 - Clearer deadlines
 - Ability to pay, cure, or provide evidence earlier

Stage 1 – Preliminary Review



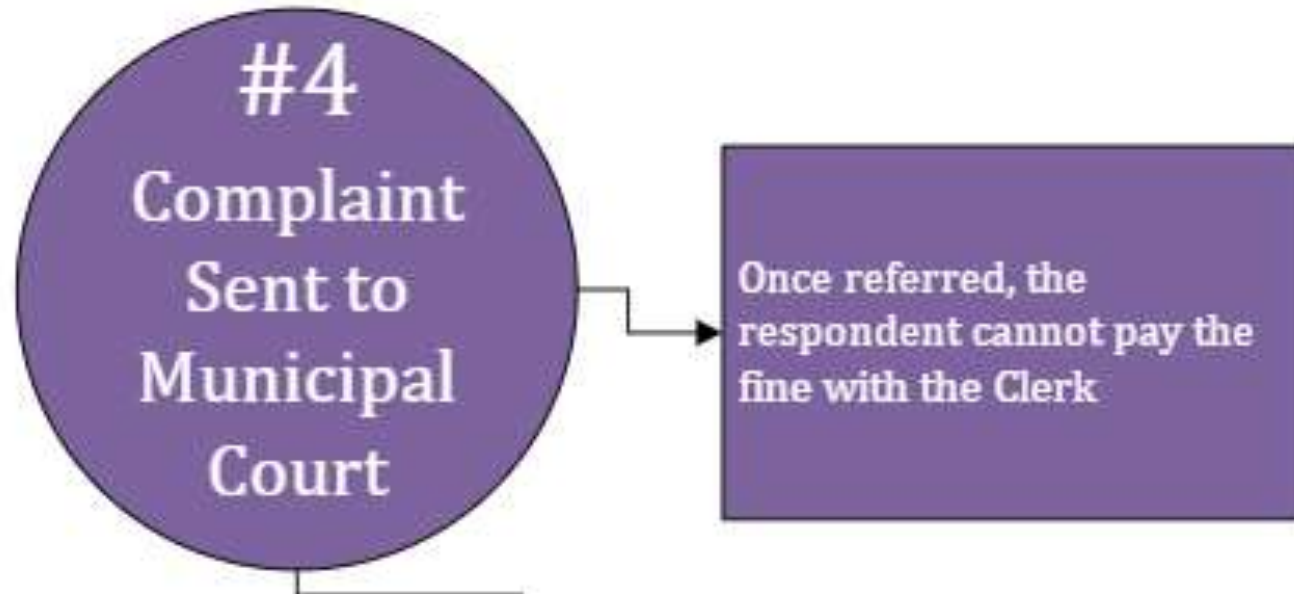
Stage 2 – Evaluation of Complaint



Stage 3 – Investigation of Complaint



Stage 4 – Refer to Municipal Court



Proposed Changes to Contribution Limits

- Committee member guidance on what the new limits should be
- Propose including a provision allowing for an automatic inflation adjustment every 2 years based on the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index Denver-Boulder-Greeley
 - Many other municipalities provide for this or something similar
 - Propose having this amount rounded to the nearest dollar (or greater if desired)
- Comparison chart provided of other municipalities
 - Shows their current limits, if they have any
 - Also shows which municipalities allow for inflation adjustments



Questions?