



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

STAFF

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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 127, 2023, Amending Chapter 7 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins Regarding Duties of the City Clerk.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to align the duties of the City Clerk regarding retention of certain election campaign records with new state law provisions regarding the same.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

House Bill 23-1245, signed by the Governor on June 7, 2023, in part requires municipal clerks to keep a copy of any report or statement required to be filed under the Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA) for 10 years from the date of filing for unsuccessful candidates, and for 6 years after an elected candidate leaves office.

Although the City has adopted its own campaign regulations, the new requirement under the FCPA is more restrictive than our City Code provision addressing the same. Our current Code provision was patterned after the FCPA when it was first enacted. Staff recommends amending the City Code to be consistent with state law.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance for Consideration