

Ordinance No. 119441

Council Bill No. 112640

The City of Seattle  
Council Bill/Ordinance

Relating to the Seattle Elections Code, changing the threshold amount of contributions or expenditures for abbreviated reporting obligations, and amending SMC 2.04.060 in accordance therewith.

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3 AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Elections Code, changing the threshold amount of  
4 contributions or expenditures for abbreviated reporting obligations, and amending SMC 2.04.060  
in accordance therewith.

5 WHEREAS the Seattle Elections Code currently authorizes the Executive Director of the Seattle Ethics  
6 and Elections Commission to relieve small campaigns from some of the Code's reporting  
requirements; and,

7 WHEREAS the amount currently authorized is less than a similar provision in state law; and,

8 WHEREAS the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission believes that it is in the best interest of the  
9 City to reduce administrative requirements where possible in order to encourage participation by  
all citizens in the political process, and has recommended increasing the threshold amount for  
abbreviated reporting; and,

10 WHEREAS the Seattle City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City to permit abbreviated  
11 reporting for smaller campaigns, and that doing so will encourage greater participation in the  
12 political process, NOW, THEREFORE,

13 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

14 Section 1. Subsection 2.04.060(A) of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended as follows:

15 **SMC 2.04.060 Executive Director -- Duties.**

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17 A. Relieve, by published regulations of general applicability, candidates or political committees of  
18 obligations to comply with the reporting provisions of this chapter relating to (~~election campaigns~~)  
19 disclosure of campaign finances, if they have not received contributions nor made expenditures of more  
20 than (~~One~~) Two Thousand Dollars (\$~~(+) 2,000~~) in connection with any election campaign; and

21 Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its  
22 approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after  
23 presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

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Passed by the City Council the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1999, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1999.

[Signature]  
President - of the City Council

Approved by me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 1999.

[Signature]  
Mayor

Filed by me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1999.

[Signature]  
City Clerk

(Seal)



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City of Seattle

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AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Elections Code, changing the threshold amount of contributions or expenditures for abbreviated reporting obligations, and amending SMC 2.04.060 in accordance therewith.

WHEREAS the Seattle Elections Code currently authorizes the Executive Director of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission to relieve small campaigns from some of the Code's reporting requirements; and

WHEREAS the amount currently authorized is less than a similar provision in state law; and,

WHEREAS the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission believes that it is in the best interest of the City to reduce administrative requirements where possible in order to encourage participation by all citizens in the political process, and has recommended increasing the threshold amount for abbreviated reporting; and

WHEREAS the Seattle City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City to permit abbreviated reporting for smaller campaigns, and that doing so will encourage greater participation in the political process. NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subsection 2.04.060(A) of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended as follows:

SMC 2.04.060 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - DUTIES

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A. Believe, by published regulations of general applicability, candidates or political committees of obligations to comply with the reporting provisions of this chapter relating to (election campaigns) disclosure of campaign finances, if they have not received contributions nor made expenditures of more than (One) Two Thousand Dollars (\$102,000) in connection with any election campaign; and

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the 19th day of April, 1999, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 19th day of April, 1999.

SUE DONALDSON, President of the City Council. Approved by me this 23rd day of April, 1999.

PAUL SCHELL, Mayor. Filed by me this 26th day of April, 1999. (Seal) JUDITH E. PIPPIN, City Clerk. Publication ordered by JUDITH PIPPIN, City Clerk.

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