



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



March 2, 2021

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TITLE

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHULA VISTA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.52 TO ADJUST THE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMIT FOR ANY ELECTION HELD ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022 (FIRST READING)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council place the ordinance on first reading.

SUMMARY

As required by Chula Vista Municipal Code section 2.52.040 (D), the City Clerk has adjusted the campaign contribution limits for individuals and political party committees for any election occurring on or after January 1, 2022. Adoption of the ordinance amends various sections of the Municipal Code to reflect the adjusted limits.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change in the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

Chula Vista Municipal Code section 2.52.040 (D) requires the City Clerk to adjust the campaign contribution limit every odd-numbered year to reflect any changes in the Consumer Price Index for the San Diego area for the two-year period ending on December 31st of the previous year and requires these adjustments to be rounded to the nearest \$10.

The Consumer Price Index for the San Diego area for the periods ending December 2018 and December 2020 were 292.547 and 303.932, respectively, demonstrating an increase of 3.89 percent.

The contribution limits were previously set at \$350 for individuals and \$1,190 for political party committees by Chula Vista Municipal Code section 2.52.040 (A) and (B), respectively. Applying the percentage of change of the Consumer Price Index and rounding to the nearest \$10, the City Clerk adjusted the contribution limits to \$360 for individuals and \$1,240 for political party committees.

The City Clerk published the Notice of Campaign Contribution Limit Adjustment in the Star News, as required by Chula Vista Municipal Code section 2.52.040 (D), on February 12, 2021. Additionally, the Federal Voting Rights Act, together with an agreement between the U.S. Department of Justice and the San Diego County Registrar of Voters, requires translation of all election-related materials and notices into covered languages predominantly spoken by 10,000 voters or more in the County. Therefore, the City Clerk has caused the notice to be translated into Chinese, Filipino, Spanish, and Vietnamese and published in language-specific newspapers, with publication dates between February 12 and 13, 2021.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the 500-foot rule found in California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 18702.2(a)(11), is not applicable to this decision for purposes of determining a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Councilmember, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

Adoption of the proposed ordinance has no impact on the general fund.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There is no ongoing fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Proposed Amendment to Chula Vista Municipal Code Chapter 2.52

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