

ORDINANCE NO. 019620

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL), CHAPTER 2.92 (ETHICS), TO AMEND SECTION 2.92.020 DEFINITION OF CANDIDATE AND 2.92.080(E) TO INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT FOR CANDIDATES TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$500 OR MORE FOR NOTATION ON THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA IN THE SAME MANNER AS MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

SECTION 1. That El Paso City Code Title 2 (Administration and Personnel), Chapter 2.92 (Ethics), Section 2.92.020 (Definitions), Subsection 2.92.020(3) be amended to clarify the definition of Candidate to read as follow:

3. "Candidate" means a person who knowingly and willingly takes affirmative action for the purpose of gaining nomination or election to public office or for the purpose of satisfying financial obligations incurred by the person in connection with the campaign for nomination or election for an elected office of the City of El Paso. Examples of affirmative action include:

(A) the filing of a campaign treasurer appointment, except that the filing does not constitute candidacy or an announcement of candidacy for the purposes of the automatic resignation provisions of Article XVI, Section 65, or Article XI, Section 11, of the Texas Constitution;

(B) the filing of an application for a place on the ballot;

(C) the filing of a declaration of intent to become a candidate or a declaration of write-in candidacy;

(D) the making of a public announcement of a definite intent to run for public office in a particular election, regardless of whether the specific office is mentioned in the announcement;

(E) before a public announcement of intent, the making of a statement of definite intent to run for public office and the soliciting of support by letter or other mode of communication;

(F) the soliciting or accepting of a campaign contribution or the making of a campaign expenditure;

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All references to candidate shall include the candidate's principal campaign committee, whether or not the candidate acts as treasurer for reporting purposes. Candidate shall not include a city official or employee who is a candidate for any other elected office.

SECTION 2. That El Paso City Code Title 2 (Administration and Personnel), Chapter 2.92 (Ethics), Section 2.92.080(E) (Disclosure of Campaign Contributions and Donations) is hereby amended to read as follows:

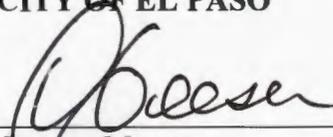
2.92.080 - Disclosure of campaign contributions and donations

E. A member of the city council, or any candidate accepts a campaign contribution from a contributor of five hundred dollars or more, shall report the amount and the donor by an item for notation on the consent agenda of a city council meeting within thirty days of the date of such contribution by submitting a memo to the City Clerk no later than noon on the Wednesday one week prior to the relevant City Council Meeting.

SECTION 3. All other provisions of the El Paso City Code remain in full force and effect.

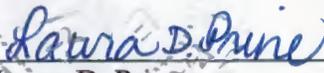
ADOPTED this 23 day of APRIL, 2024.

THE CITY OF EL PASO



Oscar Leese, Mayor

ATTEST:



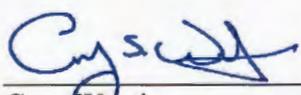
Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karla M. Nieman
City Attorney

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Cary Westin
City Manager

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