

Campaign Finance Statutes: Municipal Candidates

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10-3-208 Campaign finance disclosure in municipal election.

(1) Unless a municipality adopts by ordinance more stringent definitions, the following are defined terms for purposes of this section:

(a) "Agent of a candidate" means:

- (i) a person acting on behalf of a candidate at the direction of the reporting entity;
- (ii) a person employed by a candidate in the candidate's capacity as a candidate;
- (iii) the personal campaign committee of a candidate;
- (iv) a member of the personal campaign committee of a candidate in the member's capacity as a member of the personal campaign committee of the candidate; or
- (v) a political consultant of a candidate.

(b) "Anonymous contribution limit" means for each calendar year:

- (i) \$50; or
- (ii) an amount less than \$50 that is specified in an ordinance of the municipality.

(c)

(i) "Candidate" means a person who:

- (A) files a declaration of candidacy for municipal office; or
- (B) receives contributions, makes expenditures, or gives consent for any other person to receive contributions or make expenditures to bring about the person's nomination or election to a municipal office.

(ii) "Candidate" does not mean a person who files for the office of judge.

(d)

(i) "Contribution" means any of the following when done for political purposes:

- (A) a gift, subscription, donation, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value given to a candidate;
- (B) an express, legally enforceable contract, promise, or agreement to make a gift, subscription, donation, unpaid or partially unpaid loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value to the candidate;
- (C) any transfer of funds from another reporting entity to the candidate;
- (D) compensation paid by any person or reporting entity other than the candidate for personal services provided without charge to the candidate;
- (E) a loan made by a candidate deposited to the candidate's own campaign; and
- (F) an in-kind contribution.

(ii) "Contribution" does not include:

- (A) services provided by an individual volunteering a portion or all of the individual's time on behalf of the candidate if the services are provided without compensation by the candidate or any other person;
- (B) money lent to the candidate by a financial institution in the ordinary course of business; or
- (C) goods or services provided for the benefit of a candidate at less than fair market value that are not authorized by or coordinated with the candidate.

(e) "Coordinated with" means that goods or services provided for the benefit of a candidate are provided:

- (i) with the candidate's prior knowledge, if the candidate does not object;
- (ii) by agreement with the candidate;
- (iii) in coordination with the candidate; or
- (iv) using official logos, slogans, and similar elements belonging to a candidate.

(f)

(i) "Expenditure" means any of the following made by a candidate or an agent of the candidate on behalf of the candidate:

- (A) any disbursement from contributions, receipts, or from an account described in Subsection (3)(a)(i);
- (B) a purchase, payment, donation, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, gift of money, or anything of value made for political purposes;
- (C) an express, legally enforceable contract, promise, or agreement to make any purchase, payment, donation, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, gift of money, or anything of value for a political purpose;
- (D) compensation paid by a candidate for personal services rendered by a person without charge to a reporting entity;
- (E) a transfer of funds between the candidate and a candidate's personal campaign committee as defined in Section 20A-11-101; or
- (F) goods or services provided by a reporting entity to or for the benefit of the candidate for political purposes at less than fair market value.

(ii) "Expenditure" does not include:

- (A) services provided without compensation by an individual volunteering a portion or all of the individual's time on behalf of a candidate; or
- (B) money lent to a candidate by a financial institution in the ordinary course of business.

(g) "In-kind contribution" means anything of value other than money, that is accepted by or coordinated with a candidate.

(h)

(i) "Political consultant" means a person who is paid by a candidate, or paid by another person on behalf of and with the knowledge of the candidate, to provide political advice to the candidate.

(ii) "Political consultant" includes a circumstance described in Subsection (1)(h)(i), where the person:

- (A) has already been paid, with money or other consideration;
- (B) expects to be paid in the future, with money or other consideration; or
- (C) understands that the person may, in the discretion of the candidate or another person on behalf of and with the knowledge of the candidate, be paid in the future, with money or other consideration.