



ORDINANCE

AMENDING NRO 23-18 REGARDING PUBLICATION OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Eight

The City of Nashua ordains that Part I “Administrative Legislation”, Chapter 23 “Elections and Campaigns”, Article IV “Campaign Contributions”, Section 23-18 “Publication” of the Nashua Revised Ordinances, as amended, be and hereby is further amended by adding the new underlined language and deleting the struck-through language as follows:

“§ 23-18. Publication.

- A. ~~Each candidate or~~ political committee whose combined expenditures for the purpose of influencing the election of any candidate, and each person or political committee whose combined expenditures for the purpose of influencing any ballot measure, which equals or exceeds \$100 during the year prior to any election, shall file statements with the City Clerk detailing each receipt and expenditure, covering both the amount and source thereof, including dates, names and addresses of contributors. In cases where receipts from any one person total \$10 or less, the receipt will be entered by amount only.
- B. Each candidate shall file statements with the City Clerk detailing each receipt and expenditure, covering both the amount and source thereof, including dates, names and addresses of contributors. In cases where receipts from any one person total \$10 or less, the receipt will be entered by amount only. In cases where there are no receipts or expenditures the filing shall state that fact.
- BC. Statements of receipts and expenditures relative to an election shall cover a period of 365 days expiring two days prior to the filing of the statements, which shall be filed 20 days prior to the election, and again 30 days after the election, in totum; provided, however, that the statement of receipts and expenditures due after the November municipal election, provided for under Section 5 of the City Charter, shall be filed on December 1 of that year rather than 30 days after the election.

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- €D. On December 1 of each year any office holder who during that year shall have received any item of value shall file a statement with the City Clerk detailing each such receipt including the value, date, and name and address of the contributor thereof. An office holder who files the campaign statement of receipts and expenditures required on December 1 under Subsection B shall be deemed in compliance with the requirement of this subsection.
- ÐE. Filings shall be in a form determined by the City Clerk. Filings may be submitted electronically, including by electronic mail, facsimile transmission or any other method approved by the City Clerk. However, electronic filers are responsible for ensuring that the City Clerk has received such reports within the time required.
- ÆF. Statements shall become public information immediately upon filing. Copies may be furnished on request, and upon payment of reproduction costs to the City Clerk. The City Clerk shall post a copy of the statements required under Subsections A, B and C on the internet within three business days of the filing deadline, for a period of no less than four (4) years.”

The preceding amendments shall take effect upon passage.

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2008

ORDINANCE: 0-08-49

PURPOSE: Amending NRO 23-18 regarding publication of political contributions and expenditures

SPONSOR(S): Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons

**COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT:**

FISCAL NOTE: None.

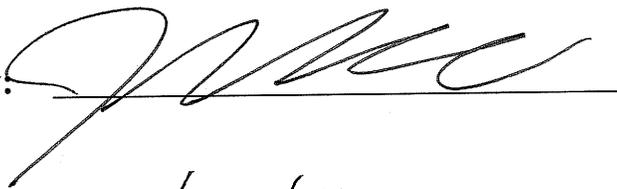
ANALYSIS

Candidates for office must currently file disclosure forms under NRO §23-18 if their combined expenditures exceed \$100. This reporting requirement is authorized by RSA 47:17 XIV-b.

The proposed ordinance requires all candidates to file disclosures even if there are no receipts or expenditures. Under the current practice it is difficult to determine if a candidate has received or spent money. Requiring all candidates to file a report creates a readily verifiable public record.

The amendment also provides more specific language regarding electronic filing and requires the city clerk to post all election related reports on the internet within three business days of the filing deadline.

Approved as to form: Office of Corporation Counsel

By: 

Date: 11/20/08

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Expenditures**

Endorsed by

[Signature] Clemens
[Signature] McLaughlin
[Signature] Cox

IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1ST READING November 25, 2008

Referred to:

PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2nd Reading FEBRUARY 24, 2009

3rd Reading _____

4th Reading _____

Other Action _____

Passed FEBRUARY 24, 2009

Indefinitely Postponed _____

Defeated _____

Attest: *[Signature]*
City Clerk

[Signature]
President

Approved *[Signature]*
Mayor's Signature

3/2/09
Date

Vetoed: _____

Veto Sustained: _____

Veto Overridden: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

President