

DUBLIN CODE RELATED TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE



§ 31.07 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS.

(A) *Contribution limitation.* No person, political action committee, separate segregated fund, political contribution entity, campaign committee, political party or other organization, as such terms are defined in R.C. Chapter 3517, shall make and no candidate for ward Council member shall accept a contribution or in-kind contribution combined from the same source of more than \$150 per calendar year and no candidate for at-large Council member shall accept a contribution or in-kind contribution combined from the same source of more than \$250 per calendar year. The contribution limitations may be reviewed by Council every four years beginning in 2012 to determine whether a decrease or increase is warranted. Council may consider basing its increase or decrease rationale on the yearly average of the previous four years of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, as determined by the United States Department of Labor or successor entity.

(B) *Application.*

(1) This section shall apply to all candidates for all elected city offices and political action committees, separate segregated funds, political contributing entities, political parties, and any other organization making an expenditure, as such term is defined in R.C. Chapter 3517 in support of or in opposition to candidates for city elected offices.

(2) This section shall not apply to services provided without compensation by persons volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a person, ordinary home hospitality, or the personal expenses of a volunteer paid for by that volunteer campaign worker.

(C) *Contribution definition.* Contribution means any money, loan, gift, deposit, forgiveness of indebtedness, donation, advance, payment, or transfer of funds or anything of value, including a transfer of funds from an inter vivos or testamentary trust or decedent's estate, which contribution is received for the purpose of influencing the results of an election. The date of a contribution is the date that it is received, not the date of deposit or the date on a check.

(D) *In-kind contribution definition.* In-kind contribution means anything of value other than money that is used to influence the results of an election or is transferred to or used in support of or in opposition to a candidate, campaign committee and that is made with the consent of, in coordination, cooperation, or consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of the benefitted candidate or campaign committee. When disclosing in-kind contributions pursuant to § [31.08](#) a candidate or campaign committee shall give a fair market value to the in-kind contribution.

(E) *Candidate resources.* The limitations imposed by this section shall not apply to contributions of a candidate's own resources to the candidate's own campaign.

(F) *Independent expenditures.* The limitations imposed by this section shall not apply to independent expenditures. Independent expenditures shall mean expenditures by a person, political action committee, separate segregated fund, political contributing entity, unaffiliated campaign committee, political party, or other organization advocating the election or defeat of an identified candidate or