ETHICS COMMISSION
SUMMARY OF LIMITATIONS ON RECEIPT OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS

CITY OF EL PASO	**NOT ADDRESSED SPECIFICALLY** 2.92.110 - Disclosure of campaign contributions. A. If a member of the city council has received campaign contributions from a contributor totaling five hundred dollars or more subsequent to the date that the member last filed a campaign finance report pursuant to state law, such member shall disclose the receipt of such contributions to the council before any deliberation or vote of the city council regarding any matter on a meeting agenda which concerns or relates to the contributor, a business entity owned in whole or in part or operated by the contributor or which employs the contributor, or any other time that the contributor appears to address the council during the meeting. D. If a member of the city council accepts a campaign contribution from a contributor of five hundred dollars or more, he 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.
COUNTY OF EL PASO	**NOT ADDRESSED**
CITY OF AUSTIN	§ 8. - LIMITS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES. (A) Limits On Contributions To Candidates. (1) No candidate for Mayor or City Council and his or her campaign committee shall accept campaign contributions in excess of $300 per contributor per election from any person, except for the candidate and small-donor political committees. The amount of the contribution limit shall be modified each year with the adoption of the budget to increase or decrease in accordance with the most recently published federal government, Bureau of Labor Statistics Indicator, Consumer Price Index (CPI-W U.S. City Average) U.S. City Average. The most recently published Consumer Price Index on May 13, 2006, shall be used as a base of 100 and the adjustment thereafter will be to the nearest $50.00. (3) No candidate and his or her committee shall accept an aggregate contribution total of more than $30,000 per election, and $20,000 in the case of a runoff election, from sources other than natural persons eligible to vote in a postal zip code completely or partially within the Austin city limits. The amount of the contribution limit shall be modified each year with the adoption of the budget to increase or decrease in accordance with the most recently published federal government, Bureau of Labor Statistics Indicator, Consumer Price Index (CPI-W U.S. City Average) U.S. City Average. The most recently published Consumer Price Index on May 13, 2006, shall be used as a base of 100 and the adjustment thereafter will be to the nearest $1,000.00. (E)Responsibility Of Candidate To Prevent Violations. The candidate, or his or her committee, shall determine whether accepting each contribution would violate this section before accepting the contribution. (F) Time Restrictions On Candidate Fundraising; Officeholder Accounts. (1)In this section terms have the same meaning they have in Title 15 of the Texas Election Code. The term "officeholder account" means an account in which funds described by subsection (F)(4) must be kept. "Officeholder" means the mayor or a council member. (2)An officeholder, a candidate for mayor or city council, or an officeholder's or candidate's committee may not solicit or accept a political contribution

	except during the last 180 days before an election for mayor or council member or in which an officeholder faces recall. (3)Except as provided by subsection (F)(6), no later than the 90th day after an election, or if a candidate is in a runoff election no later than the 90th day after the runoff, a candidate or officeholder shall distribute the balance of funds received from political contributions in excess of any remaining expenses for the election: (a) to the candidate's or officeholder's contributors on a reasonable basis, (b) to a charitable organization, or (c) to the Austin Fair Campaign Fund. (4)An unsuccessful candidate who, after an election, has unpaid expenses remaining, or who has unreimbursed campaign expenditures from personal funds that were made with the intent to seek reimbursement from political contributions, may solicit and accept political contributions after the election until the unpaid expenses are paid and the unreimbursed expenditures are reimbursed. (5)An officeholder who, after an election, has unpaid expenses remaining, or who has unreimbursed campaign expenditures from personal funds that were made with the intent to seek reimbursement from political contributions, may solicit and accept political contributions after leaving office until the unpaid expenses are paid and the unreimbursed expenditures are reimbursed. An officeholder may also pay the unpaid expenses and reimburse the unreimbursed expenditures from political contributions received during a subsequent campaign. (6)An officeholder may retain up to $20,000 of funds received from political contributions for the purposes of officeholder expenditures. (7)An officeholder shall keep funds retained under subsection (F)(6) in an account separate from any other funds including personal funds of the officeholder and any other political funds of the officeholder. The funds kept in an officeholder account may be used only for officeholder expenditures. The funds kept in an officeholder account may not be used for campaign expenditures. The funds kept in an officeholder account may not exceed $20,000.00 at any time. (8)When an officeholder leaves the Council the funds remaining in an officeholder account must be paid to the Austin Fair Campaign Fund.
CITY OF DALLAS	**NOT ADDRESSED SPECIFICALLY** Sec. 94-404. - Prohibited use of petty cash funds. Petty cash funds should not be used to: (10) Pay for campaign contributions, charitable donations and/or gifts;
CITY OF FORT WORTH	**NOT ADDRESSED**
CITY OF HOUSTON	Sec. 18-32. - No contributions in city owned or operated buildings or facilities. It shall be unlawful for any person to deliver a contribution to a candidate or for any candidate to accept a contribution in any city owned or operated building or facility. It is a defense to prosecution that the delivery was made by the United States Postal Service or other delivery service or common carrier or the contribution was offered and accepted during an authorized campaign fundraising event conducted at a city owned or operated building or facility pursuant to a written agreement with the city regarding the use of the city owned or operated building or facility. Sec. 18-33. - Prohibited solicitations. (a) It shall be unlawful for any candidate to accept or to offer or agree to accept any contribution that was solicited by a member of the ethics commission, planning

	commission or a member of the sports authority board, the port authority board, or the metropolitan transit authority board appointed by the city. (b) It shall be unlawful for any member of the ethics commission, planning commission or a member of the sports authority board, the port authority board, or the metropolitan transit authority board appointed by the city to solicit contributions for any candidate. (c) It shall be unlawful for a city employee to solicit contributions for any candidate at any time unless the employee is acting during off-duty hours or is on a duly approved leave of absence. Further, this section does not contradict state law as it applies to police and fire personnel. Sec. 18-38. - Limitation on candidate contribution by individual and political committee. (a) No person shall make contributions to any single candidate in excess of $5,000.00 per contribution cycle. No political committee shall make contributions to any single candidate in excess of $10,000.00 per contribution cycle. (b) A candidate may utilize unexpended political contributions raised in connection with a non-city elective public office in an amount not to exceed the maximum contribution that the candidate may accept from a single donor under subsection (a), regardless of category, provided he files with the city secretary a statement of intent to do so at the time of the filing with the city secretary of his campaign treasurer designation, or if the filing of a campaign treasurer designation is not required, prior to the making of any expenditure in connection with his campaign for city elective office. The provisions of this subsection shall also be applicable to a run-off election, provided that the statement of intent shall be filed within three days after the run-off election is called. (c) A coordinated campaign expenditure shall be considered a contribution subject to the limits set forth in subsection (a) and subject to the disclosure requirements for campaign contributions made to a candidate for city office. As used in this subsection, the term coordinated campaign expenditure means a payment, other than a direct contribution, for an activity, service or product that contains express advocacy for the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for city office and is made in cooperation, consultation, or concert, with or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate for city office or a candidate's representative, agent, or employee. (1) Coordinated campaign expenditures shall include, but not be limited to the following: a. Voter identification and/or get-out-the-vote activity on behalf of a specific candidate for city office; and b. A public communication that refers to a clearly identified candidate for city office and that promotes or supports a candidate for that office, or attacks or opposes a candidate for that office, or is suggestive of no plausible meaning other than an exhortation to vote for or against a specific candidate. (2) If an individual or organization is engaging in express advocacy for the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for city office, the following shall not be considered a coordinated campaign expenditure: a. Direct monetary contributions made to a candidate for city office; b. In kind contributions made to a candidate for city office; c. Payments by an individual or organization for the individual's or organization's overhead expenses including but not limited to rent, utilities, taxes, office supplies or salaries; or d. Volunteer (unpaid) activity on the part of the individual or the members of the organization. Sec. 18-36. - Prohibited contractor contributions. (a) It shall be unlawful for any contractor to contribute or offer any contribution to a candidate, or for any candidate to solicit or accept any contribution from a contractor

	during a contract award period. In the event that a candidate unknowingly accepts a contribution in contravention of the foregoing provision, it shall be the duty of the candidate to return the contribution within ten days after he becomes aware of the violation. **Sec. 18-35. Restricted period for solicitations and contributions.** (a) A candidate for city office at a city general election may neither solicit nor received contributions except during a period commencing on the 1st day of February prior to the day of the elections, and ending on the 4th day of March following the election date for the race that the candidate has entered. In the event that the candidate should be in a run-off election, the final date to receive or solicit contributions shall be the 4th date of April following the election date. (b) Candidates for city office at a special election to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term may neither solicit nor receive contributions except during a period commencing upon the date that the election for which the person is a candidate is called and ending 90 calendar days after the election date, including run-off elections if such candidate is on the ballot. **Ord. No. 2016-528 , § 3, adopted June 29, 2016, effective July 1, 2016, repealed § 18-35 in its entirety.**
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO	Sec. 2-305. - Single account. (a) A candidate for Mayor or City Council or officeholder or specific-purpose political action committee registered with the City and formed for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate for Mayor or City Council must deposit each and every political contribution into one (1) and only one (1) specified bank account. This single account must be used for all political contributions and expenditures pertaining to municipal office. (b) Persons with established campaign accounts before the date this code goes into effect can transfer funds into the new single campaign account. Sec. 2-302. - Limitation of political contributions to candidates or officeholders for Mayor or Council and specific-purpose political action committees. (a) A candidate for district office on the City Council or City Council officeholder may not accept more than five hundred dollars ($500.00) in political contributions from any individual or single entity per contribution cycle. (b) A candidate for Mayor or Mayoral officeholder may not accept more than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) in political contributions from any individual or single entity per contribution cycle. (c) A specific-purpose political action committee (SPAC) registered with the City and formed for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate for district office on the City Council or City Council officeholder may not accept more than five hundred dollars ($500.00) in political contributions from any individual or single entity per contribution cycle. (d) A specific-purpose political action committee (SPAC) registered with the City and formed for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate for Mayor or the Mayoral officeholder for the City may not accept more than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) in political contributions from any individual or single entity per contribution cycle. (e) Except as provided in section 2-304 of this chapter, the limits set out in subsections (a)—(d) of this section apply to contributions made in the form of loans, extensions of

	credit, and guarantees of loans or extensions of credit as described in subsection 2-301(b). Repayment of loans does reset the contribution limit. (f) Political action committees, commercial entities, or campaign vendors cannot provide in-kind contributions with a commercial value to candidates or officeholders beyond the limits established in this section. Individuals may donate their time as campaign volunteers without limit. "In-kind" contribution means goods or services provided to or by a person at no charge or for less than their fair market value. (g) An individual or entity cannot make a political contribution in cash exceeding fifty dollars ($50.00) to a candidate or candidate committee for Mayor or City Council, or to a municipal officeholder, or to a specific-purpose political action committee formed for the purpose of supporting or opposing a municipal candidate or officeholder, nor can any of these candidates, officeholders or specific-purpose political action committees accept political contributions in cash exceeding fifty dollars ($50.00), from a single donor during a reporting period as defined in V.T.C.A., Election Code § 253.033. This restriction includes tickets to fund-raising events. (h) A person may not knowingly make or authorize a political contribution or expenditure in the name of or on behalf of another, unless the person discloses in writing to the recipient the name and address of the person actually making the contribution in order for the recipient to make the proper disclosure. (i) A minor may make a contribution only if done so knowingly and voluntarily with funds, goods or services owned or controlled exclusively by the minor and not with proceeds of a gift where the purpose was to provide funds to be contributed. The minor shall submit a form with the contribution acknowledging his or her minor status and that his or her contribution complies with this provision. (j) A "coordinated campaign expenditure" shall be considered a contribution subject to the limits set forth within this section and subject to the disclosure requirements for campaign contributions made to a candidate for elected City office. As used in this subsection, the term "coordinated campaign expenditure" means a payment, other than a direct contribution, for an activity, service or product that contains express advocacy for the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate(s) for City office and is made in cooperation, consultation, or concert, with or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate(s) for City office or a candidate's representative, agent or employee. Coordinated campaign expenditures shall include, but not be limited to the following: (1) Voter identification and/or get-out-the-vote activity on behalf of a specific candidate(s) for City office; (2) A public communication that refers to a clearly identified candidate(s) for City office and that promotes or supports a candidate(s) for that office, or attacks or opposes a candidate(s) for that office, or is suggestive of no plausible meaning other than an exhortation to vote for or against a specific candidate(s). The following is not considered a coordinated campaign expenditure: (1) Direct monetary contributions made to a candidate for City office; (2) In-kind contributions made to a candidate for City office; (3) Payment by an individual or organization for the individual's or organization's overhead expenses including but not limited to rent, utilities, taxes, office supplies or salaries; (4) Volunteer (unpaid) activity(ies) on the part of the individual or members of the organization. Sec. 2-303. - Time limitation to accept donations. (a) A candidate for Mayor or City Council or specific-purpose political action committee registered with the City and formed for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate

	for Mayor or City Council shall not accept nor deposit campaign contributions after midnight on the fourth calendar day before the regular municipal election date. (b) During a run-off election, a candidate for Mayor or City Council or specific-purpose political action committee registered with the City and formed for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate for Mayor or City Council shall not accept nor deposit campaign contributions after midnight on the fourth calendar day before the date of the run-off election. (c) Contributions received after the deadlines set out in subsections (a) and (b) of this section or contributions not deposited by these deadlines may be deposited during the subsequent contribution cycle. Such contributions will be subject to limitations for the contribution cycle during which they are deposited. (Ord. No. 2013-05-09-0317, § 1(Att. A), 5-9-13) Sec. 2-304. - Limits on repayment of loans or reimbursements from political contributions. (a) Loan limit for candidates for City Council. A candidate for City Council may not use political contributions in an aggregate amount of more than twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00) during an election cycle to: (1) Repay a loan to his or her campaign account that the candidate has made from his or her personal assets; (2) Reimburse campaign expenditures made from personal funds; or (3) Repay a loan to the candidate or to any authorized committee of the candidate from any other person, persons, entity or entities. The limit established by this section applies to the cumulative total from one (1) or all combined loans. (b) Loan limit for candidates for Mayor. A candidate for Mayor may not use political contributions in an aggregate amount of more than fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.00) during an election cycle to: (1) Repay a loan to his or her campaign account that the candidate has made from his or her personal assets; (2) Reimburse campaign expenditures made from personal funds; or (3) Repay a loan to the candidate or to any authorized committee of the candidate from any other person, persons, entity or entities. The limit established by this section applies to the cumulative total from one (1) or all combined loans. (c) A candidate cannot accept a loan made in cash. (Ord. No. 2013-05-09-0317, § 1(Att. A), 5-9-13)