

ORDINANCE NO. 5107

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 SECTION 20.040(d) OF THE GRAND JUNCTION MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Recitals:

The City of Grand Junction is a home rule municipality, established by Charter in 1909. Article XX of the Colorado Constitution confers upon home rule cities power over all matters pertaining to municipal elections.

Article XXVIII of the Colorado Constitution is the primary campaign finance law in Colorado. It was offered as a citizen's initiative and approved by voters in 2002. A primary purpose of Article XXVIII is to address the reality that "large campaign contributions to political candidates create the potential for corruption and the appearance of corruption." Colo. Const. Art. XXVIII, § 1.

Article XXVIII places limits on the amount any "person, including a political committee" may contribute to a political candidate. Id. § 3(1). Individual contribution limits are adjusted to account for inflation. Id. § 3(13); 4(7). Adjustments are "based upon the percentage change over a four-year period in the United States bureau of labor statistics consumer price index for Denver-Boulder-Greeley, all items, all consumers, or its successor index." Id. The indexed number is rounded down to the nearest twenty-five dollars. Id.

In October 2020, following SB 19-232 the City adopted Title 2, Chapter 20 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code (GJMC) regarding campaign and political finance regulations for Municipal elections. After due consideration the City Council has determined that certain contribution limits, consistent with those provided by Article XXVIII but as specifically provided in this ordinance, should be imposed in the City.

With this Ordinance the GJMC is amended to limit contributions, including contributions in-kind, by one person in a particular election cycle to one candidate and/or candidate committee(s) an aggregate amount of \$625.00. The \$625.00 sum is the current individual limit for a campaign contribution to a Colorado gubernatorial candidate. 8 CCR 1505-6 Rule 10.17.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION:

That 2.20.040(d) of the Grand Junction Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows. Amending text is shown in **bold face type**:

Section 2.20.040(d) is amended to read as follows:

(d) Campaign finance complaints must be filed in writing and can be submitted by hardcopy or electronically. Electronic signatures are permitted for any complaint documentation that requires a signature.

1. **Municipal Campaign Contribution Limits.** For any election cycle, no person shall make contributions, including contributions in-kind, to a candidate and/or that candidates committee(s) that, in the aggregate, exceeds \$625.00 per City Council candidate, per election cycle as defined by Section 2(6) of Article XXVIII of the Colorado Constitution.

2. **No candidate committee shall accept any contributions, including contributions in-kind, from any person if that person's contributions on behalf of the candidate have an aggregate amount or value more than \$625.00.**

3. **Any contribution or portion thereof exceeds the \$625.00 limit shall be returned to the contributor within seventy-two (72) hours of receipt.**

4. **The limitations imposed by subsections 1 and 2 of this section shall not apply to contribution of a candidate's personal funds to the candidate's own campaign, or to any loan which is personally guaranteed by the candidate or is secured by property owned by the candidate.**

5. **Each election-cycle limit on contributions described in subsection 1 of this section shall be adjusted by an amount based upon the percentage change over a two-year period in the United States bureau of labor statistics consumer price index for Denver-Boulder-Greeley, all items, all consumers, or its successor index, rounded to the nearest lowest twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). The first adjustment shall be done in the fourth quarter of 2024 and then every two (2) years thereafter. The City Manager shall calculate such an adjustment in each limit and specify the limits in rules promulgated in accordance with GJMC 2.20.044 or any successor section of this Code.**

INTRODUCED, PASSED ON FIRST READING, APPROVED AND ORDERED
PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM this 5th day of October 2022.

INTRODUCED, PASSED ON SECOND READING, APPROVED AND ORDERED
PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM this 19th day of October 2022.



Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy Phillips", is written over a horizontal line.

Amy Phillips
City Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna M. Stout", is written over a horizontal line.

Anna M. Stout
President of the City Council

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 5107 was introduced by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado at a regular meeting of said body held on the 5th day of October 2022 and the same was published in The Daily Sentinel, a newspaper published and in general circulation in said City, in pamphlet form, at least ten days before its final passage.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT a Public Hearing was held on the 19th day of October 2022, at which Ordinance No. 5107 was read, considered, adopted and ordered published in pamphlet form by the Grand Junction City Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this 21st day of October 2022.


Deputy City Clerk

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