



City Council Staff Report

Subject: Establishing Campaign Contribution Regulations Regarding Redesignation of Committees and Accounts

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Department: City Attorney's Office

Recommendation:

Introduce, Waive the Full Reading and Read by Title Only, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Adding Chapter 2.68 to the Rocklin Municipal Code Establishing Campaign Contribution Regulations.

Background:

State laws enacted pursuant to AB 571 govern an elective candidate's ability to establish, fund, and use campaign contributions, committees, and associated bank accounts. Absent a local ordinance that provides alternative rules and regulations, cities are subject to the default State laws on these topics. The City of Rocklin does not currently have a campaign contribution limits ordinance and as such, is subject to AB 571. For City Council candidates, this means that unless the City adopts an ordinance that allows for different rules, a candidate who is qualified as a committee must establish a separate controlled committee and campaign bank account for each specific office each election cycle – candidates may not redesignate a committee from one election for another election. In light of the above, the City Council may consider adopting an ordinance to allow candidates to redesignate funds from office to office, with certain limitations, but without the mandate to establish a separate controlled committee. The ordinance before the City Council with this item is provided for that purpose.

As drafted, the ordinance would not alter default State laws governing campaign contribution limits, which as of the date of this staff report are \$5,900 per person, small contributor committee, and political party, respectively.

Additional information on these topics is available on the Fair Political Practices Commission's (FPPC) website (see "AB 571 Fact Sheet" and "Local City and Contribution Rules (AB 571)" available online at <https://www.fppc.ca.gov/>).

Fiscal Impact:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the staff recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Ordinance](#)