



AGENDA REPORT

Department: City Clerk's Office
Prepared by: Shelley Chapel, MMC, City Clerk
Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2023
Approved by: Brad Raulston, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance Amending National City Municipal Code Chapter 2.75 adjusting campaign contribution limits as required every odd-numbered year to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Ordinance entitled, "Ordinance of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Amending Various Sections of the National City Municipal Code Chapter 2.75 to adjust the Campaign Contribution Limit for any Election Held on or after January 1, 2024."

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:

Not Applicable.

EXPLANATION:

National City Municipal Code Section 2.75.030 (L) requires the City Clerk to adjust the campaign contribution limit every odd-numbered year to reflect any changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the San Diego Metropolitan Area for the two-year period ending on December 31st of the previous year and requires these adjustments to be rounded to the nearest five-dollars (\$5) as a cost of living adjustment.

Chapter 2.75 Section 2.75.030 (L)

The campaign contribution limits and contribution acceptance and solicitation limits specified in subsections A, B, C and D of this section shall be adjusted in February of each odd-numbered year commencing in 2023, for changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the previous two-year period. The City Clerk shall apply the annual percent change in the CPI for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the San Diego Metropolitan Area to determine the appropriate rate of increase or decrease. Adjustments made pursuant to this subsection shall be rounded to the nearest five dollars.

Data reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics regarding annual changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the San Diego Metropolitan Area was used to determine the adjustments to the contribution limits. Between 2020 and 2022 the CPI for the San Diego Metropolitan area rose from 303.932 to 344.416, an overall increase of 13.3 percent.

The contribution limits were previously set at one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) in a calendar year for individuals (subsection A, and B), and two-thousand dollars (\$2,000) in a calendar year from political party committees (subsections D, and E), political action committees and independent committees to candidates or controlled committees.

Applying the percentage of change of the Consumer Price Index and rounding to the nearest five dollars (\$5), the City Clerk adjusted the contribution limits to **\$1,135 for individuals and \$2,265 for political action committees and independent committees to candidates or controlled committees.**

The City Clerk will be publishing the Notice of Campaign Contribution Limit Adjustment in the Star News, as required on Friday, March 10, 2023. Additionally, the Federal Voting Rights Act, together with an agreement between the U.S. Department of Justice and the San Diego County Registrar of Voters, requires translation of all election-related materials and notices into covered languages predominantly spoken by 10,000 voters of more in the County. Therefore, the City Clerk has caused the notice to be translated into and published in language-specific newspapers as follows:

Spanish	El Latino – publishing on March 10, 2023
Chinese	Epoch Times on March 10, 2023
Vietnamese	Nguoi Viet between March 8 and March 17, 2023
Filipino	Filipino Press between March 8 and March 17, 2023

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Not Applicable

RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Communication and Outreach

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

This is not a project under CEQA and is therefore not subject to environmental review.CCR15378; PRC 21065.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

Agenda Report posted within 72 hours in on the City Website, Bulletin Boards, and Social Media. Published in the Star News, El Latino, Filipino Press, and Nguoi Viet.

ORDINANCE:

Second Reading and Adoption

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A – Ordinance