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## ORDINANCE

### AMENDING NRO 23-18 REGARDING THE FILING OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES BY POLITICAL COMMITTEES

#### *CITY OF NASHUA*

*In the Year Two Thousand and Nine*

*The City of Nashua ordains that* Part I “Administrative Legislation”, Chapter 23 “Elections and Campaigns”, Article IV “Campaign Contributions”, Section 23-18 “Publication” of the Nashua Revised Ordinances, as amended, be and hereby is further amended by adding the new underlined language and deleting the struck-through language as follows:

**“§ 23-18. Publication.**

- A. Each political committee ~~whose combined~~ that receives contributions or makes expenditures for the purpose of influencing the election of any candidate, and each person or political committee ~~whose combined~~ that receives contributions or makes expenditures for the purpose of influencing any ballot measure or referendum question, which equals or exceeds \$100 during the year prior to any election, shall file statements with the City Clerk detailing each receipt and expenditure, covering both the amount and source thereof, including dates, names and addresses of contributors. In cases where receipts from any one person total \$10 or less, the receipt will be entered by amount only.

**LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2009**

**ORDINANCE:** 0-09-60

**PURPOSE:** Amending NRO 23-18 regarding the filing of contributions and expenditures by political committees

**ENDORSER(S):** Alderman-at-Large Benjamin Clemons

**COMMITTEE  
ASSIGNMENT:**

**FISCAL NOTE:** None

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**ANALYSIS**

This ordinance amends the ordinance governing political reporting by persons and political committees to the full extent permitted by state law. It eliminates the minimum expenditure threshold necessary to trigger reporting, similar to the removal of the threshold reporting requirement for candidates for elective office in O-08-49, adopted on February 24, 2009.

State statute permits to city to adopt regulations "Requiring the reporting of contributions to, and expenditures by, any candidate or political committee made for the purpose of influencing the election of any candidate for local elective office, or any person or committee for the purpose of influencing the vote on any local ballot or referendum question." RSA 47:17 XIV-b; *see also* RSA 31:19.

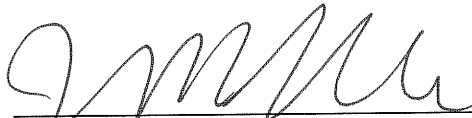
This does not permit the city to require persons who contribute to a candidate to file a financial disclosure. However, the city does require candidates to report the names of those persons who make contributions over the amount of \$10. *See* NRO §23-18 B.

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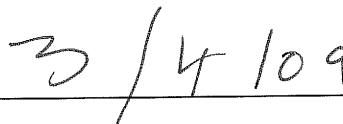
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**Office of Corporation Counsel**

**By:**



**Date:**



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**Endorsed by**  
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*[Signature]* **COX**  
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**IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

1<sup>ST</sup> READING MARCH 10, 2009

Referred to:

PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading MAY 26, 2009

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading \_\_\_\_\_

4<sup>th</sup> Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Other Action \_\_\_\_\_

Passed MAY 26, 2009

Indefinitely Postponed \_\_\_\_\_

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: *[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*  
City Clerk  
President

Approved *[Signature]*  
Mayor's Signature

6/1/09  
Date

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City Clerk  
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