



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: September 11, 2012
Item Number: G-4
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Byron Pope, City Clerk
Subject: ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE VOLUNTARY EXPENDITURE CEILING FOR CITY ELECTIONS
Attachments: 1. Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council move to introduce and read the attached ordinance by title only, waive further reading and advance it to the City Council meeting of September 20, 2012 for adoption.

INTRODUCTION

This ordinance will increase the voluntary expenditure ceiling for City elections to \$80,000, which is \$5,000 more than the current limit of \$75,000.

DISCUSSION

At the Study Session of August 23, 2012, the City Council concurred with the recommendation of the Election Ad Hoc Committee, composed of Councilmembers Bosse and Gold, to increase the voluntary expenditure limit to \$80,000. The individual contribution limit will remain at \$400 per contribution or entity if a candidate accepts the spending limit of \$80,000, and \$125 per contributor or entity if the candidate does not accept the spending limit.

Staff is recommending that the City Council introduce and read the attached ordinance by title only, waive further reading and advance it to the City Council meeting of September 20, 2012 for adoption. The ordinance will become effective on October 22, 2012.

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FISCAL IMPACT

None.

Byron Pope 
Approved By _____

Attachment 1

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
AMENDING THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE
TO INCREASE THE VOLUNTARY EXPENDITURE
CEILING FOR CITY ELECTIONS**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Voluntary Expenditure Ceiling. The City Council hereby amends and restates Section 1-8-4 (“ELECTION CAMPAIGNS; VOLUNTARY EXPENDITURE CEILING”) of Chapter 8 (“CITY ELECTION CAMPAIGNS; CONTRIBUTION LIMITS, VOLUNTARY EXPENDITURE LIMIT AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS”) of Title 1 (“GENERAL PROVISIONS”) of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to read as follows:

“A voluntary expenditure ceiling is hereby established for each election for city elective office in the amount of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000.00). As used in this section, the term “city elective office” shall mean the offices of members of the city council and city treasurer. This section shall not apply in recall elections.”

Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or place, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3 Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City within fifteen (15) days after its passage in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code, shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance and the City Clerk's certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this City.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall go into effect and be in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first (31st) day after its passage.

Adopted:
Effective:

WILLIAM M. BRIEN, M.D.
Mayor

ATTEST:

(SEAL)
BYRON POPE
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



LAURENCE S. WIENER
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



JEFFREY KOLIN
City Manager