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Town Hall
Carrboro, NC 27510

**Town of Carrboro
Meeting Minutes – Special Session
Town Council**

July 12, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers - Room 110

Present: Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Eliazar Posada, Council Member Danny Nowell, Council Member Sammy Slade

Also Present: Richard White, Town Manager; Wesley Barker, Town Clerk; Brady Herman, Town Attorney

BIANNUAL RENEWAL OF AN ORDINANCE LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES

The purpose of this item is for the Town Council to renew an ordinance (Town Code Section 5-15) limiting campaign contributions to any candidate for town office.

\$250 cap is as low as the statute will allow.

Council Member Posada made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nowell to approve the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO REENACT THE EXPIRING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5-15 OF THE CARRBORO TOWN CODE WHICH LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS THAT CAN BE MADE TO CANDIDATES FOR TOWN OFFICES

Ordinance No. 1 - FY 2023-24

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 5-15 of the Carrboro Town Code, which by its own terms expires automatically 60 days prior to the opening of filing for the 2023 regular town election, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

44 Section 5-15 Limitation on Campaign Contributions for Town Offices

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46 (a) No person, political committee, or other entity may contribute to any candidate for the
47 office of mayor or any candidate for the office of town council any money or in-kind
48 contribution in any election (regular or special) in excess of \$250.00.
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50 (b) The definitions in Article 22A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes apply to the
51 provisions of this section. In addition, as used herein, the word "candidate" also means a political
52 committee authorized by the candidate for that candidate's election.
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54 (c) The provisions of this section do not apply to contributions made by a candidate or a
55 candidate's spouse, domestic partner registered with a government agency, parents, brothers, or
56 sisters.
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58 (d) The provisions of this section are authorized and shall be interpreted in accordance
59 with Sections 2-8 and 2-9 of the Town Charter, as established by Chapter 97 of the 2008 Session
60 Laws.
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62 (e) The provisions of this section shall expire 60 days prior to the opening of filing for the
63 2025 regular town election, except that such expiration will not make lawful any contribution
64 made before that date that is in violation of this section.
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66 Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption. The section it replaces is
67 not immediately repealed but shall expire 60 days prior to the opening of filing for the 2023
68 regular town election. The Town Clerk shall replace the expiring version of Section 5-15 in the
69 Town Code with the version set forth above.
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71 The foregoing ordinance, having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was
72 duly adopted this 12th day of July, 2023.
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74 **The motion carried unanimously.**
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78 **ADJOURNMENT**
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80 **A motion was made by Council Member Nowell, seconded by Council Member Foushee to**
81 **adjourn the meeting.**
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83 **The motion carried unanimously.**
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