

Town of Carrboro

301 W. Main St., Carrboro, NC 27510



Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

6:00 PM

Special Called Meeting

Council Chambers - Room 110

Town Council

6:00-6:10

A. Special Meeting Item

- 1. 23-226** Biannual Renewal of an Ordinance Limiting the Amount of Contributions to Candidates

PURPOSE: 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.

Attachments: A- Ordinance to Reenact the Expiring Provisions of Town Code Section 5-15



Agenda Item Abstract

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DEPARTMENT: Town Clerk

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COUNCIL DIRECTION:

Race/Equity Climate Comprehensive Plan Other

This is a biannual action that the Town Council takes in relation to limitation on campaign contributions for town offices.

INFORMATION: Section 5-15 of the Town Code, set to expire 60 days prior to the filing for the 2023 regular town election, limits the amount of campaign donations to \$250.00. The Council customarily renews this provision every two years before the summer recess. The ordinance provided as Attachment A will reenact the expiring provision.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Town Council adopt the attached 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:

Section 5-15 Limitation on Campaign Contributions for Town Offices

(a) No person, political committee, or other entity may contribute to any candidate for the office of mayor or any candidate for the office of town council any money or in-kind contribution in any election (regular or special) in excess of \$250.00.

(b) The definitions in Article 22A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes apply to the provisions of this section. In addition, as used herein, the word “candidate” also means a political committee authorized by the candidate for that candidate's election.

(c) The provisions of this section do not apply to contributions made by a candidate or a candidate’s spouse, domestic partner registered with a government agency, parents, brothers, or sisters.

(d) The provisions of this section are authorized and shall be interpreted in accordance with Sections 2-8 and 2-9 of the Town Charter, as established by Chapter 97 of the 2008 Session Laws.

(e) The provisions of this section shall expire 60 days prior to the opening of filing for the 2025 regular town election, except that such expiration will not make lawful any contribution made before that date that is in violation of this section.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption. The section it replaces is not immediately repealed but shall expire 60 days prior to the opening of filing for the 2023 regular town election. The Town Clerk shall replace the expiring version of Section 5-15 in the Town Code with the version set forth above.

The foregoing ordinance, having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this ____ day of July, 2023.

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent or Excused: