ORDINANCE 25-XX

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE CODE

WHEREAS, the City of Roswell opted into the Local Election Act through Ordinance 23 -01, *and*

WHEREAS, following the first election under the Local Election Act Governing Body seeks to update the City of Roswell's Election Code for greater clarity and transparency, *and*

WHEREAS, the City of Roswell and Governing Body find it desirable and beneficial to provide for greater transparency, simplicity, and more regular reporting of campaign donations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO, that:
SECTION 1 Chapter 12 of the Roswell Code is amended as follows

Chapter 12 ELECTIONS
ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 12-3. Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Candidate means an individual who has filed to run for the position of mayor, councilor, or municipal judge at a regular or special election of the city or any individual who has or who's political committee (i.e. campaign committee) has received $500.00 or more in contributions or has expended $500.00 or more to advance his election

Contribution means a gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of any money or other thing of value which is made for the primary purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot item for elective office. This does not include the value of a volunteer's time provided without compensation or unreimbursed personal expenses, such as vehicle use or meals, of individuals who volunteer a portion or all of their time on behalf of a candidate.

Election means any regular or special municipal election in which a City of Roswell candidate for mayor, councilor, municipal judge, or ballot item are on the ballot.

Expenditure means a payment, transfer, or distribution, or obligation or promise to pay, transfer or distribute any money or other thing of value for the purpose of influencing the outcome of an election of a candidate or Roswell ballot item, but does not include the candidate's or his immediate family's personal expenses such as vehicle use or meals.

Political committee means every two or more persons who are selected, appointed, chosen or associated for the purpose of, wholly or in part, supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot item at any election., This includes political committees, campaign committees, or similar organizations composed of employees or members of any corporation, labor organization, trade or professional association or any other similar group which raises, collects, expends or contributes money or any other thing of value for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate in a municipal election. Political committees that expend less than $200.00 are not subject to the requirements herein.

Reporting individual means every candidate, every treasurer of every political committee or treasurer of every general purpose political committee whose purpose is to aid the candidate in the campaign for municipal office.

Sec. 12-4. Applicability

This division applies to any contributions, expenditures, person(s), or committees that intentionally encourages adoption or defeat of any municipal candidate or ballot item submitted to the voters of the city. This division does not apply to issue-only expenditures or contributions.

Sec. 12-5. Paid Political Advertising

No candidate, individual, or political committee shall pay all or any part of the cost of any political ad endorsing or opposing a candidate or ballot item for an election without disclosing such sponsorship in the ad.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed to revive any ordinance or part of any ordinance heretofore repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, paragraph, clause or provisions of this ordinance for any reason shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any other part of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be effective after five (5) days following its publication as required by law.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED and APPROVED _____, _____.

CITY SEAL

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Timothy Z. Jennings, Mayor

ATTEST

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Amalia Martinez, City Clerk