

### **The Spokane Fair Elections ordinance:**

- Clarifies that all members of Pro and Con Committees for ballot measures should be registered voters in the city of Spokane.
- Designates the City Clerk's Office as the City's Election Resources Center.
- Establishes the City of Spokane's campaign contribution limit at \$500 per election for all individuals, political committees, political parties, legislative committees, and caucus committees.
- Defines election cycle as the only time when candidates for City of Spokane office may solicit and accept campaign contributions (January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which an election for Mayor or Spokane City Council Member is held, until December 31<sup>st</sup> or until the election results are certified, (whichever occurs last).
- Prohibits City elected officials and candidates from soliciting and/or receiving contributions from a contractor or subcontractor (including partners/principals with equity interest totaling more than 10%) who has earned more than \$50,000 in City contracts or from any contractor participating in a contract award period.
- Requires that bidders affirm and certify that they will comply and will notify their principals and subcontractors of the campaign contribution provisions of this chapter.
- Requires City of Spokane bargaining units to disclose contributions made to current elected officials on publicly available bargaining unit contracts prior to signatures and approval by the Spokane City Council.
- Requires entities making campaign contributions to City of Spokane candidates have an active registration with the Washington Secretary of State or equivalent stage agency of the donors' primary locations.
- Defines and establishes procedures for 'incidental committees,' including the filing of a statement of organization with the City Clerk's office and the names of the ten largest aggregate contributions, with the City and published on the City's website.
- Requires political committees making independent expenditures identify and disclose the three persons or entities contributing the largest amounts (not including other political committees) in addition to the requirements of RCW 42.17A.320.
- Prohibits contributions by entities in which the ownership comprises 50% or more foreign nationals.
- Establishes violations of this chapter as a Class 1 or Class 1A Civil Infraction and freezes the acceptance of contributions until the illegal contributions have been returned by the

candidate.

- Creates an annual report requirement to the City Council on the number of investigations undertaken and actions taken to enforce the Spokane Fair Elections code.

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