

Ordinance No. 130433

Council Bill No. 113694

The City of Seattle  
Council Bill/Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE relating to election campaign cash contributions; authorizing the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission to adjust the cash contribution limits, establishing a formula for adjusting the cash contribution limits, and amending Chapter 2.04 of the Seattle Municipal Code in connection therewith.

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Date Introduced: <u>JUN - 4 2001</u>		
Date 1st Referred: <u>JUN - 4 2001</u>	To: (committee)	Legislative Department & Intergovernmental Affairs Commission
Date Re - Referred: <u>July 5, 2001</u>	To: (committee)	passed 2-0 (McIver, Page) to Full Council 7/16/01
Date Re - Referred:	To: (committee)	
Date of Final Passage: <u>7-16-01</u>	Full Council Vote: <u>9-0</u>	
Date Presented to Mayor: <u>7-17-01</u>	Date Approved: <u>7/20/01</u>	
Date Returned to City Clerk: <u>7/24/01</u>	Date Published: <u>opp</u>	T.O. _____ P.T. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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The City of Seattle - Legislative Department

Council Bill/Ordinance sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Margaret Pageler*  
PAGELER  
Councilmember

**Committee Action:**

7-16-01 Passed 9-0

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 2.04.180 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 120145, is amended by adding a new subsection as follows:

C. 1. In March of each even-numbered calendar year, the Commission shall promulgate a rule in accordance with Chapter 3.02 of the Seattle Municipal Code. This Rule may increase the dollar amount in Subsection A based on changes in economic conditions as reflected by the Implicit Price Deflator for the United States Gross Domestic Product as produced by the United States Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis ("IPD"). If application of the IPD would result in a decrease in the dollar amount, the dollar amount shall remain unchanged.

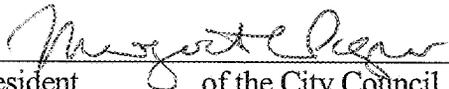
2. The new dollar amounts established by the Commission shall be determined by multiplying a base amount of fifty-five dollars (\$55) by the percentage change in the IPD between the base year of 2000 and the most recently published IPD. The resulting amount shall be added to the base amount, and the amount resulting shall be rounded to the nearest amount convenient for the public. Once adopted, any increase in the cash contribution limit shall be effective for all election cycles that have not ended by May 1 of that even-numbered year.

3. This subsection shall expire six years after the effective date of the enabling ordinance.

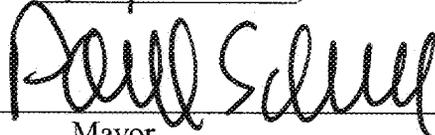


1 Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its  
2 approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after  
3 presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

4 Passed by the City Council the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001, and signed by me in open  
5 session in authentication of its passage this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001.

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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

8 Approved by me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001.

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Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

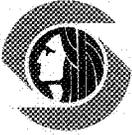
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12 Filed by me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2001.

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# City of Seattle

## Ethics and Elections Commission

Carolyn M. Van Noy, Executive Director

June 26, 2001

Council President Margaret Pageler  
Members of the Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Re: Proposed Amendment to SMC 2.04.180, CB 113694

Dear Council President Pageler and members of the Committee,

Attached is an ordinance to amend SMC 2.04.180 to authorize the Commission to adopt a rule, every even-numbered year, adjusting the amount of cash a campaign may receive from any single contributor, using the formula established for adjusting campaign contribution limits.

The law currently sets the amount that a campaign may receive in cash from any one contributor at \$55. Every two years, the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) reviews the amount and often increases it. The amount currently permitted under State law is \$60, as a result of a 1999 PDC rules revision. The formula that is provided will bring the amount permitted under City law into conformity with State law. By authorizing the Commission to make this adjustment every even-numbered year, we will ensure that the City law is in conformity with State law, without requiring a new ordinance for every change.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Carolyn M. Van Noy  
Executive Director

cc: Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission

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## Ethics and Elections Commission

Carolyn M. Van Noy, Executive Director

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MAY 23 2001

MARGARET PAGELLEN  
COUNCIL MEMBER

To: Linda Stores, Legislative Assistant  
From: Carolyn M. Van Noy, Executive Director *W*  
Date: May 22, 2001  
Re: Indexing Cash Contribution Limit

Attached is the legislation for indexing cash contribution limits, drafted by the Law Department. Because State law provides for the Public Disclosure Commission increasing this amount each even-numbered year, adopting this amendment to SMC 2.04.180 will ensure that the City's cash contribution limit will be the same as the State's.

The formula is the same as that used to index contribution limits.

Please let me know if I can provide further clarification.

Thank you.

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON – KING COUNTY**

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City of Seattle, Clerk's Office

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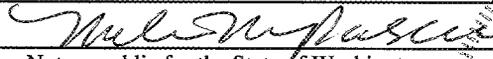
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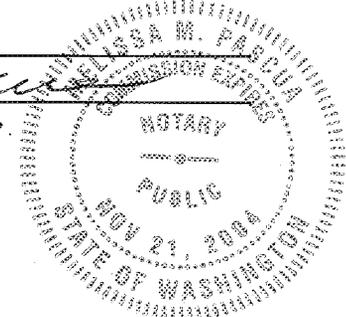
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# State of Washington, King County

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MARGARET PAGELER,

President of the City Council.

Approved by me this 20th day of July, 2001.

PAUL SCHELL,

Mayor.

Filed by me this 23rd day of July, 2001.

(Seal) JUDITH E. PIPPIN,

City Clerk.

Publication ordered by JUDITH PIPPIN,

City Clerk.

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