

ORDINANCE NO. 734

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING  
CHAPTER 2.04 OF THE LANCASTER MUNICIPAL  
CODE RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF ONE CITY  
COUNCIL OFFICE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM AND  
PROVIDING FOR A PROPOSITION 208 CAMPAIGN  
SPENDING LIMIT

WHEREAS, in a city with an elected mayor where the election of the remaining members of the city council for four-year terms is not evenly staggered, Government Code Section 34906 authorizes the city council to designate one of the city council office to serve a two-year term; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 208, passed by the voters at the General Election of November 5, 1996, added Section 85400(c) to the Government Code to provide for the adoption of voluntary campaign spending limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 2.04.040B of the Lancaster Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

- B. In accordance with the provision of Government Code 34906, if the election of the mayor results in the election of the remaining members of the city council for four-year terms which are not evenly staggered, the city council shall, on a one-time basis only and prior to the first day for circulating nomination papers for the general municipal election, designate one of the city council offices appearing on the general municipal ballot, other than the office of the mayor, to serve a two-year term. At all subsequent general municipal elections, each member of the city council elected at such election, other than the mayor, shall be elected to serve a four-year term.

Section 2. Section 2.04.070 entitled "Election Campaigns, Voluntary Expenditure Ceiling" is hereby added to Chapter 2.04 of the Lancaster Municipal Code:

2.04.070 Election Campaigns, Voluntary Expenditure Ceiling

- (a) Pursuant to Government Code Section 85400(c), a voluntary expenditure ceiling is established for each candidate for each election to City elective office in an amount not to exceed \$.75 per resident.
- (b) Prior to accepting any contributions, each candidate for City elective office shall file with the City Clerk a statement of acceptance or rejection of the voluntary expenditure ceiling established herein.

- (c) No candidate for City elective office who accepts the voluntary expenditure ceiling established herein and no controlled campaign committee of such a candidate shall make campaign expenditure in excess of the voluntary expenditure ceiling established herein.
- (d) Each candidate who rejects the voluntary expenditure ceiling established by this Chapter shall be subject to the contribution limit set forth in Government Code Section 85301, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- (e) Each candidate who accepts the voluntary expenditure ceiling established in this section shall be subject to the contribution limit set forth in Government Code Section 85402, and not the contribution limit set forth in Government Code Section 85301, as either section may be amended from time to time. In addition, as to each such candidate, the City Clerk shall provide notification to voters that the candidate has accepted the voluntary expenditure ceiling established herein, as required by Government Code Section 85602 and applicable regulations adopted pursuant to that Section.
- (f) Except as provided herein, the provisions of the California Political Reform Act of 1974, the California Political Reform Act of 1996, Government Code Sections 81000, et seq., and applicable regulations adopted pursuant to such acts, as the same may be amended from time to time, shall govern the interpretation and application of this Chapter.
- (g) The penalties and remedies for violations of this Section shall be those set forth in the provisions of the California Political Reform Act of 1974, the California Reform Act of 1996, Government code Sections 81000, et seq., and applicable regulations adopted pursuant to such acts.

Section 3: That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Ordinance and will see that it is published and posted in the manner required by law.

I, Veronica Montecino, Assistant City Clerk of the City of Lancaster, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was regularly introduced and placed upon its first reading at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 9th day of September, 1997, and was duly adopted and passed at a regular meeting on the 23rd day of September, 1997, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Council Members Jeffra, Vice Mayor Hearn, Mayor Roberts

NOES: Council Members Shelton, Singer

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:

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[Redacted Signature]

VERONICA MONTECINO  
Assistant City Clerk  
City of Lancaster

APPROVED:

(d)(5)  
[Redacted Signature]

FRANK ROBERTS, Mayor  
City of Lancaster

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ) ss  
CITY OF LANCASTER )

CERTIFICATION OF ORDINANCE  
CITY COUNCIL

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ City of Lancaster, CA,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinance No. 734, for  
which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, on this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ 199\_\_.

(seal)

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