



ORDINANCE

AMENDING NRO 23-17.1 REGARDING REGISTRATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEES

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Eight

The City of Nashua ordains that Part I “Administrative Legislation”, Chapter 23 “Elections and Campaigns”, Article IV “Campaign Contributions”, Section 23-17.1 “Registration of Political Committee” of the Nashua Revised Ordinances, as amended, be and hereby is further amended by adding the following new underlined language:

“§ 23-17.1. Registration of Political Committee.

A political committee shall register with the City Clerk not later than 24 hours before making or contracting for any expenditure relative to the municipal election for which the political committee is organized. The committee shall file with the City Clerk a statement of the purpose of the political committee and a statement of the name, address, occupation and principal place of business, of its chairman, treasurer and other officers. Political committees registered with the New Hampshire Secretary of State's office need not register with the City Clerk.”

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2008

ORDINANCE: 0-08-48

PURPOSE: Amending NRO 23-17.1 regarding registration of political committees

SPONSOR(S): Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons

**COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT:**

FISCAL NOTE: None.

ANALYSIS

A political committee must register with the city clerk before making any expenditure relative to a municipal election. That registration permits the city clerk to send the appropriate forms so that the political committee can file the disclosure required by NRO §23-18. That registration and reporting requirement is authorized by RSA 47:17 XIV-b.

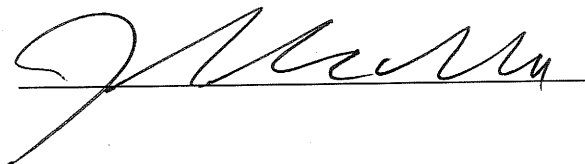
The proposed ordinance removes the registration requirement for political committees that are registered with the New Hampshire Secretary of State under a different statute, RSA 664:3. The political committee would still have to file the appropriate expenditure disclosure with the city clerk.

The city clerk indicates two concerns with this amendment. First, it may result in missed filings by political committees who will no longer receive disclosure filing forms from the city clerk. Second, a political committee of a political party is exempt from registration under state law, which may lead to confusion concerning the ongoing obligation of those committees to register and file disclosures under the Nashua Revised Ordinances.

Approved as to form:

Office of Corporation Counsel

By:



Date:

11/20/08

