



ORDINANCE

REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES IN LEGAL ACTIONS AFFECTING THE CITY

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Seventeen

The City of Nashua ordains that Part II “General Legislation”, of the Nashua Revised Ordinances as amended, is hereby further amended by adding a new chapter as follows:

“Chapter 19 DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES RELATIVE TO LAWSUITS AGAINST THE CITY

§ 19-1. Definitions.

Words and phrases in this chapter shall have the same definitions as in § 23-17 of this code.

§ 19-2. Publication.

- A. Any person that receives as contribution any item of value for the purpose of bringing and prosecuting a lawsuit challenging any action of the Board of Aldermen or the validity of any Nashua ordinance or charter provision shall file statements with the Office of the City Clerk detailing each receipt and expenditure, covering both the source and the amount thereof, including dates, names, and addresses of contributors. Intervenors supporting or opposing the city’s position shall be subject to the same requirements.
- B. The first such report shall be filed on or before fifteen (15) days following the receipt of any contribution and supplemental reports shall be due every ninety (90) days thereafter. A final report shall be filed thirty (30) days following the conclusion of the litigation, including all appeals, or thirty (30) days following the last receipt or expenditure whichever is last to occur.

§ 19-3. Violations.

Violations of this chapter shall be subject to the general penalty provision of § 1-12 of this code. Each day a violation exists shall be a separate offense.”

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2017

ORDINANCE: O-17-046

PURPOSE: Requiring disclosure of contributions and expenditures in legal actions affecting the city

ENDORSERS: Mayor Jim Donchess

**COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT:**

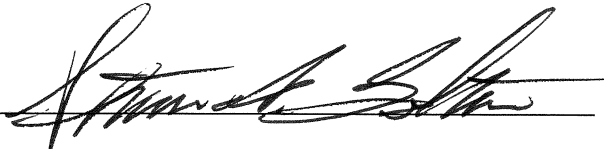
FISCAL NOTE: None.

ANALYSIS

This legislation requires reports of contributions and expenditures made towards bringing and prosecuting a lawsuit challenging any action of the Board of Aldermen or the validity of any Nashua ordinance or charter provision. Intervenors supporting or opposing the city's position shall be subject to the same requirements.

Approved as to form: Office of Corporation Counsel

By:



Date:

October 24, 2017