



# City of Columbus

## Certified Copy

Ordinance: 3386-2018

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To enact Columbus City Code sections 107.02, 107.03, 107.04, and ~~170.05~~ **107.05** regarding contribution limits for municipal candidates; campaign finance disclosure; disclosure for election period communications; new duties for the city clerk and city attorney; and fines and penalties for violation of the new code; and to repeal existing Columbus City Code section 2321.53.

**WHEREAS**, the voters of the City of Columbus expanded the City's authority to regulate campaign finance limits and disclosure by a vote of 104,967 yes to 42,484 no on November 4, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Andrew J. Ginther and Columbus City Council previously expanded municipal candidate and ballot issue committee disclosure requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent United States Supreme Court ruling allows the City to require disclosure of "dark money"; and

**WHEREAS**, the City may minimize constitutional concerns by following state law limits for contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, with both disclosure of dark money and reasonable contribution limits, the likelihood of campaign finance reform driving money underground and undisclosed is greatly diminished; now therefore

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**Section 1.** That existing section 2321.53 of the Columbus City Codes be and hereby is repealed, effective 11.59 p.m., February 28, 2019.

**Section 2.** That new sections 107.02, 107.03, 107.04, and 107.05 of the Columbus City Codes, as detailed in the attachment "COLUMBUS CITY CODE CAMPAIGN FINANCE," be and hereby are enacted, effective from and after 12:00 a.m., March 1, 2019.

**Section 3.** That all contribution limits established herein shall be adjusted to the contribution limits in effect for Ohio House of Representative candidates as defined in division (B)(1)(a)(iii) of section 3517.102 of the Ohio Revised Code as of the effective date of Section 2, and the limits so adjusted shall be used as the basis for future adjustments as provided for herein.

**Section 4.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

I, , certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 3386-2018, passed by the CITY CLERK on 1/16/2019.

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date Certified**