

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN
Ordinance No. 11-O-07

Introduced By: Mayor Michael E. Bennett
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Date Adopted: August 8, 2011
Date Effective: August 28, 2011

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**AMENDMENT TO CODE OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN
CHAPTER 36 ELECTIONS**

1 **BE IT ENACTED** that the Code of the City of Aberdeen, Chapter 36, §36-1 §36-3 §36-5 B(2),
2 §36-7 A and B, and 36 Attachment 1, be and are hereby amended as follows:

3 **§ 36-1 Qualifications of candidates.**

4 A certificate of candidacy, as referenced in the City Charter, in a form approved by the
5 City Manager, shall be submitted by each candidate to the Board of Elections or its
6 authorized representative during the prescribed time period. The certificate of candidacy
7 must be accompanied by a fee of \$25. Candidates may withdraw their candidacy no later
8 than 30 days prior to election, in writing. The candidate must be a registered voter of
9 Harford County, qualified voter of the City, and must have ~~resided~~ **DOMICILED** within
10 the corporate limits of the City of Aberdeen for at least two years ~~prior to the filing date~~
11 **IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ELECTION DATE**. The candidate must state
12 the period during which he/she has been domiciled in the City. The candidate must
13 furnish the signatures of at least 20 registered voters nominating the candidate for the
14 office of Council member/Mayor of Aberdeen. The printed name and address of the
15 signer must be supplied with the signature of the registered voter on the certificate of
16 candidacy. These registered voters may be relatives but not members of the candidate's
17 immediate family; that is, they cannot be a spouse, parent or child of the candidate, paid
18 employee of the City, or a present Council member of the City of Aberdeen or a
19 candidate in the same election.

20 **§36-3 Time for submission of candidacy form.**

21 Certificates of candidacy shall be properly completed and filed at ~~the~~ Aberdeen City
22 **office HALL WITH THE CITY CLERK ONLY OR DESIGNEE** no later than 5:00
23 p.m. local time no earlier than 60 **CALENDAR** days prior to the election and no later than
24 30 **CALENDAR** days prior to the election. Should ~~either of these days~~ **THE CLOSING**

25 DAY fall on a weekend, holiday or day that ~~the office~~ CITY HALL is closed, the ~~next~~
26 ~~business day~~ LAST PRIOR LEGAL BUSINESS DAY FOR THE CITY OF
27 ABERDEEN will be considered as the opening or closing day.

28 **§36-5 Reporting and disposition of contributions and expenditures.**

29 B. Disposition of surplus funds. Prior to the time of filing the final report required by this
30 section, any surplus funds remaining after payment of all campaign expenditures shall be:

31 (1) Paid to the local Board of Education or to a recognized nonprofit organization
32 providing services or funds for the benefit of pupils or teachers.

33 (2) Paid to a local charitable or civic organization **DEEMED TO BE A 501C-3**
34 **CORPORATION AS ESTABLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES INTERNAL**
35 **REVENUE SERVICE.**

36 **§36-7 Posting of campaign signs.**

37 A. ~~Campaign signs may be posted in the City no more than 30 days prior to the~~
38 ~~election.~~ Campaign signs ~~shall~~ **SHOULD** be removed within one week after the election.

39 B. Campaign signs ~~may be no larger than six square feet in area and~~ shall not be
40 displayed on City property, **STATE OF MARYLAND RIGHT-OF-WAYS**, or utility
41 poles or in such a way as to present a danger to person or property or to limit the visual
42 field of drivers or pedestrians and **CANNOT IMPEDE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS.**

43 **36 Attachment 1. Delete form entitled, "Report of Campaign and Election Contributions**
44 **and Expenditures." (Exhibit 1)**

45 **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**, that this
46 Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after adoption.

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| <p><i>Legend:</i> BOLD CAPITALIZATION denotes addition. STRIKETHROUGH denotes deletion.</p> |
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47 **Exhibit 1**

ELECTIONS

36 Attachment 1

**Report of Campaign and Election
Contributions and Expenditures**

I, _____, treasurer for _____ do hereby
certify that the following is a complete and accurate statement of the contributions received and
expenses discharged by me as of _____, 199__.

| | |
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| Balance on Hand (from previous report or opening balance)..... | \$ _____ |
| Receipts this period | \$ _____ |
| Disbursements this period | \$ _____ |
| Balance | \$ _____ |

These funds are deposited in _____ Bank, _____, Md.

Contributions have been received to date from the following:

| Amount | Name and Address |
|--------|------------------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

Signature of Treasurer

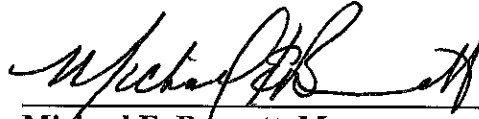
I, the undersigned candidate, have examined the foregoing report and certify that it is true to the
best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature of Candidate

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 199__;

Notary Public

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN



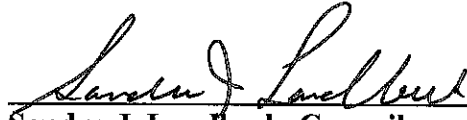
Michael E. Bennett, Mayor



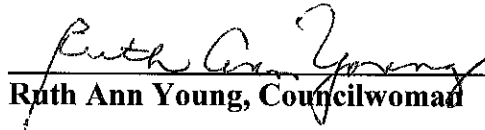
Ruth E. Elliott, Councilwoman



Bruce E. Garner, Councilman



Sandra J. Landbeck, Councilwoman



Ruth Ann Young, Councilwoman

ATTEST:



Monica A. Correll, City Clerk

Date August 8, 2011

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