

ORDINANCE NO. O-1-12

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6C
OF THE CITY CODE ENTITLED "ELECTIONS" BY
AMENDING SECTION 6C-12 ENTITLED "RESTRICTIONS
ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS"

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gaithersburg, in public meeting assembled, that Chapter 6C of the City Code entitled "Elections" is hereby amended to revise Section 6C-12 to read as follows:

Sec. 6C-12(a) Restrictions on Campaign Contributions.

- (a) No candidate may accept, in connection with any election for the position of mayor or a position on the city council, a contribution in cash in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or an in-kind contribution, or combination thereof, the value of which is in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from any one person. No person may contribute or promise to contribute in the aggregate, more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in cash, or in-kind contributions, valued at more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), to any one candidate in connection with any one election. No person may contribute or promise to contribute in the aggregate, more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in cash, or in-kind contributions, or combination thereof, valued at more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per candidate, to any one political committee. No person may contribute more than a total of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) in connection with any one election. No candidate shall accept any contribution in excess of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) in cash unless it be by check, money order or other written or electronic instruments. No candidate or political committee shall accept any anonymous contributions. Any anonymous contribution received by a candidate or a political committee shall be promptly paid over to the city to be used for any lawful purpose.
- (b) The contributions of a candidate or the candidate's spouse to the candidate's own campaign are not subject to the limitations of this section, but monetary contributions must pass through the candidate's campaign account and be reported as required in other provisions of this chapter.
- (~~b~~c) Any campaign contributions received by a candidate or political committee must be deposited in a separate account with a financial institution. Campaign contributions must not be commingled with any other funds.

ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2012 by the City Council of Gaithersburg, Maryland.

SIDNEY A. KATZ, MAYOR and
President of the Council

DELIVERED to the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg, Maryland, this 5th day of March, 2012. APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg, this 5th day of March, 2012.

SIDNEY A. KATZ, MAYOR

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance as adopted by the City Council of Gaithersburg, in public meeting assembled, on the 5th day of March, 2012 and that the same was approved by the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg on the 5th day of March, 2012. This Ordinance will become effective on the 26th day of March, 2012.

Angel L. Jones, City Manager