

ORDINANCE NO. C-19-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 12-4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, BY INCREASING THE LIMIT ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR OR CITY COMMISSIONER TO \$1,000, AND ELIMINATING THE PROHIBITION OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS BY OTHER THAN NATURAL PERSONS, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 106.08(1)(a), Florida Statutes (2018), provides for a maximum contribution of \$1,000 to “a candidate . . . in any election conducted on less than a countywide basis;” and

WHEREAS, it is the City Commission’s intent to align Section 12-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with Section 106.08, Florida Statutes (2018);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That Section 12-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is amended to provide as follows:

Sec. 12-4. - Campaign contribution limits and prohibited contributions.

- (a) For purposes of subsection (b), *person* means an individual or a corporation, association, firm, partnership, joint venture, joint stock company, club, organization, estate, trust, business trust, syndicate, or other combination of individuals having collective capacity. The term includes a political party, affiliated party committee, or political committee.

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- (a**b**) It shall be unlawful for any ~~natural~~ person, either directly or indirectly, to make contributions to any candidate with respect to any election for the office of mayor-commissioner or city commissioner, which, in the aggregate, exceed ~~two hundred fifty~~one thousand dollars (\$~~250.00~~1,000).
- (b**c**) It shall be unlawful for any candidate or other natural person to knowingly accept or receive any campaign contribution prohibited by this section.
- (e**d**) The contribution limitations of this section apply to each election conducted to fill a particular office. ~~Each primary, special and general election are separate elections provided the candidate is not an unopposed candidate.~~
- (d) ~~No contribution shall be made to any candidate with respect to any election for the office of mayor-commissioner or city commissioner, except by a natural person. It shall be unlawful for any entity or organization listed below to make a contribution in connection with any primary, general, or special election held to select candidates for mayor-commissioner or city commissioner, or for any candidate or other person to accept or receive any contribution prohibited by this section, or any officer or director of any entity or organization below to consent to any contribution by the entity or organization, as the case may be, prohibited by this section:~~
- (1) ~~Any corporation, corporation not for profit, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, association cooperative, joint venture, business trust, limited liability company, professional service corporation, or sole proprietorship organized under the laws of the State of Florida or any other state or foreign country, and as defined in Florida Statutes;~~
 - (2) ~~Any bank or financial institution organized or doing business under the laws of the United States, the State of Florida or any other state;~~
 - (3) ~~Any labor organization or union;~~
 - (4) ~~Any political committee or political action committee;~~
 - (5) ~~Any committee of continuous existence;~~
 - (6) ~~Any unincorporated association.~~

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SECTION 2. That if any clause, section or other part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

PASSED FIRST READING this the ____ day of _____, 2019.

PASSED SECOND READING this the ____ day of _____, 2019.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI

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