

## RESOLUTION 2018 – 2

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon the City Council of University City to do all it can to preserve the integrity of the election process and the conduct of City government, a goal embodied in the Municipal Code of University City, Section 110.040, which is attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that the residents of University City have faith that their elected officials are working solely for their benefit and for the benefit of the City of University City; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the City Council want to encourage broad-based citizen participation in the financing of local elections; and

**WHEREAS**, University City voters should know who is making financial donations to candidates for City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, this City Council supports the writing and passage of an ordinance relating to the financing of local elections and a code of ethics for elected officials; and

**WHEREAS**, until such time as such an ordinance is written and approved by the City Council, the members of this Council agree to the following, which are in line with the size of our community and the range of socioeconomic levels within University City.

- 1.) All candidates for City Council must file reports of their campaign contributions and expenditures with the Missouri Ethics Commission, so that such reports are easily available and accessible on-line to all residents.
- 2.) No candidate for City Council shall accept financial contributions from organizations, businesses or individuals in excess of \$500 per donor per campaign cycle.
- 3.) No candidate for City Council shall accept financial or in-kind donations to their campaign from any organization, business or individual that/who has a business or other financial relationship with the City of University City.
- 4.) For any and all votes that involve an organization, business, or individual that/who has contributed to a Councilmember's previous or current campaigns for City Council, that member will be required to recuse him/her self from such votes and pertinent arguments.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, this resolution shall guide the actions of this Council until such time as the City Council approves an ordinance related to a code of ethics for elected officials and the financing of political campaigns for City Council of University City. This ordinance shall include the provisions noted above, and other provisions as deemed appropriate, and as may be found in the documents attached to this resolution from the cities of St. Louis, Albuquerque, San Diego, Oakland, Philadelphia, and the State of Michigan.

**WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the City of University City to be affixed this 12th day of February in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen.

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Mayor Shelley Welsch

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Councilmember Terry Crow

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Councilmember Rod Jennings

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Councilmember Michael Glickert

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Councilmember Paulette Carr

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Councilmember Bwayne Smotherson

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Councilmember Steve McMahon

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ATTEST, LaRette Reese, City Clerk