



City of Scranton

Board of Ethics

340 N. Washington Avenue

Scranton, PA 18503

Solicitor: John M. Hart, III Esq.

Chair: Mary Jo Sheridan

Ethics Board Notice of Campaign Contribution Limitations & Campaign Finance Disclosure Requirements

The City of Scranton Code of Ethics (Code), Section 12(3)(A), charges the Board of Ethics with the duty to post campaign contribution limitations and reporting requirements for candidates for city elected office.

Campaign Contribution Limitations

Section 12 (1)(D)(i) of the Code requires “On January 1, 2020 and on every January 1 every four (4) years thereafter, the maximum contribution amounts set forth in Code Section 12 shall be adjusted...” The City Business Administrator is charged with calculating the Consumer Price Index Multiplier (CPI Multiplier) and applying it to determine the new maximum contribution amounts.

The new limits as of January 2020 as determined by the City of Scranton Business Administrator are as follows:

- Section 12(1)(A)(i), the "Individual" limit remains at \$2,700.
- Section 12(1)(A)(ii), the "Organization" limit increases from \$5,000 to \$5,100.
- Section 12(1)(A)(iii), the "Political Committee" limit increases from \$5,000 to \$5,100.

According to the Code of Ethics, these limits remain in place until January 1, 2024, when they shall be adjusted again.

Reporting Requirements

Section 12 (2)(B)(i) requires a copy of all candidate reports of receipts and expenditures made to the Lackawanna County Board of Elections and/or Secretary of the Commonwealth to be provided to the City Clerk. The copy must be accompanied by a written statement signed by the person filing the report swearing to the information provided.

Penalties for violations included in the Code of Ethics are admonition, public censure, suspension, termination, referral to other authorities, ineligibility to hold public office, fines of up to \$1,000 per violation, administrative fines of up to \$1,000 per violation, payment to the City

of the sum of any financial gain made as a result of the violation, barring of participants from any City business dealings for up to five years, and payment of restitution.

In addition, the Board may order the subject to cease and desist from engaging in a specific activity, order specific action to come into compliance, institute civil action, and recommend forfeiture of office to City Council.

Any person residing in the City of Scranton may file a complaint with the Board of Ethics to report a violation of campaign contribution limitations and/or campaign finance disclosure provisions of the Code of Ethics.

Please review the Code of Ethics for complete information. The Code can be found on the City of Scranton's website at www.scrantonpa.gov/images/Code%20of%20Ethics.pdf.

These provisions will be available on the City of Scranton website www.scrantonpa.gov on the Board of Ethics page at all times.