

Secs. 2-16. - Campaign contributions.

- (a) *Definitions.* For the purposes of this section, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. Words not defined herein shall be defined in accordance with state and federal law or otherwise shall be given their common and ordinary meaning, unless the context clearly provides otherwise.
- (1) *Candidate* shall have the meaning given to such term in F.S. Ch. 106, as amended from time to time.
 - (2) *Contribution* shall have the meaning given to such term in F.S. Ch. 106, as amended from time to time. An independent expenditure, as that term is defined in F.S. Ch. 106, is not included within the meaning of contribution.
 - (3) *Person* shall have the meaning given to such term in F.S. Ch. 106, as amended from time to time.
 - (4) *Political committee* shall have the meaning given to such term in F.S. Ch. 106, as amended from time to time.
 - (5) *Unopposed candidate* shall have the meaning given to such term in F.S. § 106.011(15), as amended from time to time.
- (b) *Limitation on contributions.*
- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person or political committee, either directly or indirectly, to make contributions to any candidate with respect to any election for the office of city commissioner, which, in the aggregate, exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).
 - (2) It shall be unlawful for any candidate or other person to knowingly accept or receive any campaign contribution prohibited by this section.
 - (3) 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 a candidate is not an unopposed candidate.
- (c) *Penalties.* Any person who violates, permits to be violated, or causes to be violated any provision of this section shall, upon such a finding by a court of competent jurisdiction, be assessed a civil fine in an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per violation.

(Ord. No. O-2002-032, § 2, 12-4-02)

Editor's note— Ord. No. O-2002-032, § 2, adopted Dec. 4, 2002, amended the Code by adding provisions designated as section 2-14. In order to avoid conflicts in section numbering the editor has redesignated the provisions of Ord. No. O-2002-032 as section 2-16.