

ORDINANCE NO. 3339

AN ORDINANCE OF THE OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 2.08.190 TO CHAPTER 2.08 OF THE CORONA MUNICIPAL CODE TO REQUIRE ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE AND SUBMISSION OF CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 84615 authorizes the adoption of an ordinance that requires an elected officer, candidate, committee, or other person required to file statements, reports, or other documents required by Chapter 4 of the Political Reform Act, except those whose contributions and expenditures each total less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in a calendar year, to file such statements, reports, or other documents online or electronically with the local filing officer; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk of the City of Corona (“City Clerk”) is the local filing officer for the Fair Political Practices Commission disclosure statements and is responsible for receiving, reviewing, and making available campaign disclosure statements; and

WHEREAS, since the enactment of the Political Reform Act, candidates and committees have complied with filing requirements by filing paper copies of campaign statements and reports with the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of manual processing of filings through electronic filing requirements authorized by California Government Code Section 84615 will conserve resources and ensure the public has access to the information disclosed in campaign statements; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has identified a web-based system that will allow electronic filing in compliance with California Government Code Section 84615 and has been approved by the Secretary of State for the electronic filing of campaign disclosure statements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONA
DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. City Council Findings. The City Council expressly finds and determines that the City Clerk’s web-based system has been approved by the Secretary of State for the electronic filing of campaign disclosure statements and that the software contains multiple safeguards to protect the integrity and security of the data, will operate securely and effectively, and will not unduly burden filers.

SECTION 2. CEQA Findings. This action is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the common sense exemption that

CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This action simply requires the electronic submission of all campaign statements, reports or other documents required to be filed with the City Clerk under the Political Reform Act, and there is no possibility that adopting this Ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, no environmental analysis is required.

SECTION 3. Addition of Section 2.08.190. Section 2.08.190 (Electronic campaign disclosure) is hereby added to Chapter 2.08 (City Council) of the Corona Municipal Code to read as follows:

“2.08.190 Electronic campaign disclosure.

(A) Any elected officer, candidate, or committee that is required to file with the City Clerk campaign statements, reports or other documents pursuant to Chapter 4 of the Political Reform Act (California Government Code section 84100, *et seq.*) and that receives a total of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more in contributions or makes a total of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more in expenditures, shall electronically sign, under penalty of perjury, and file such statements, reports or documents in an electronic format prescribed by the City Clerk.

(B) An elected officer, candidate or committee that has filed an electronic statement, report or document pursuant to this section is not required to file a paper copy.

(C) Once a candidate or committee is subject to the electronic filing requirements imposed by this section, the candidate or committee will remain subject to the electronic filing requirements until the candidate or committee files a termination statement pursuant to the Political Reform Act and, thus, is no longer subject to the filing requirements set forth in the Political Reform Act.

(D) Any candidate or committee not required to file an electronic statement or report by this section may voluntarily opt to file such statement or report in an electronic format prescribed by the City Clerk by submitting written notice to the City Clerk’s Office. A candidate or committee that opts to file a statement or report in an electronic format prescribed by the City Clerk is not required to file a paper copy.”

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision or clause of this Ordinance or any application of it to any person, firm, organization, partnership or corporation is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. Conflicting Ordinances. This Ordinance shall supersede all other previous City Council resolutions and ordinances that may conflict with, or be contrary to, this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. The Mayor shall sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk shall attest thereto and shall within fifteen (15) days of its adoption cause it, or a summary of it, to be published in a general circulation newspaper published in the City of Corona. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of January, 2022.

Mayor of the City of Corona, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

CERTIFICATION

I, Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk of the City of Corona, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was regularly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Corona, California duly held on the 15th day of December, 2021 and thereafter at a regular meeting held on the 5th day of January, 2022, it was duly passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Corona, California, this 5th day of January, 2022.

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

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