

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1
OF THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, for more than two decades the Municipal Code of the Village of Arlington Heights has included limits on direct campaign contributions to candidates for the offices of Village President and Village Trustee; and

WHEREAS, the Village Code also has included very high ethical standards for its elected and appointed officials, including the following two standards set forth in Article VI Ethics, Section 1-601:

[A]ll such persons should avoid accepting or retaining any economic benefits or opportunities which could impair or present an actual threat to the exercise of independent judgment.” AND “It is the responsibility of all elected and appointed officials to maintain the highest standards of ethical behavior by acting with steadfast integrity [and] unconditional impartiality

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WHEREAS, the Village’s direct campaign contributions limits have been imposed to uphold these high ethical standards and to protect against corruption or the appearance of corruption in the form of *quid pro quo*, and the President and Board of Trustees believe the campaign contribution limits have properly and successfully served those purposes; and

WHEREAS, the current limits in the Village Code on direct campaign contributions, which were established long ago, may be considered to be more restrictive than is necessary to achieve the purpose of Section 1-604 and, accordingly, the President and Board of Trustees have determined that the direct campaign contribution limits should be revised as provided in this Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS:

SECTION ONE: That the foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance as findings of the President and Board of Trustees.

SECTION TWO: That Section 1-604 of the Arlington Heights Municipal Code, Campaign Contributions, is hereby amended as follows:

~~**Section 1-604 Campaign Contributions.** No individual may make, and no candidate for Village office may accept, a contribution of more than a total of \$250 cash or in kind, to any candidate running for the office of Village Trustee or Village President, or the candidate's campaign committee. No organization may make, and no candidate for Village office may accept, a contribution of more than a total of \$500 cash or in kind, to any candidate running for the office of Village Trustee or Village President, or the candidate's campaign committee. These limitations on campaign contributions shall not apply to the candidate's own contributions to~~

~~his/her campaign. These limitations on campaign contributions shall be applicable every two calendar years. The two year period shall be defined as the calendar year preceding the year in which a Consolidated Election is held and the calendar year in which a Consolidated Election is held. For purposes of this Article, "contribution" means moneys, loans, debts incurred, property in-kind, or things having a monetary value incurred or received by a candidate or his/her agent or other person on behalf of the candidate for use in advocating the election of the candidate. "Contribution" does not include any activity to which an individual is invited in his official capacity. For purposes of this Article, "organization" shall mean a trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation or any other organization or group of persons.~~

Section 1-604 Campaign Contributions – Individuals.

a. No individual may make a contribution or contributions to a candidate, or a committee supporting a candidate, for the office of Village President or Village Trustee in a total amount greater than \$500 for any single campaign.

b. No candidate, or a committee supporting a candidate, for the office of Village President or Village Trustee may accept a contribution or contributions from an individual in a total amount greater than \$500 for any single campaign.

c. This Section does not apply to contributions made for political speech independent of any candidate campaign or to contributions from a candidate for his or her own campaign.

d. For purposes of this Section, the word "contribution" means money, loans, debts incurred, property-in-kind, or other things having a monetary value that is incurred or received by the candidate or by persons directly involved with the candidate. The word "contribution" does not include an activity to which an individual is invited in his or her official capacity.

SECTION THREE: That Section 1-605 of the Arlington Heights Municipal Code, Prohibition of Contributions, is hereby amended as follows:

~~**Section 1-605 Prohibition of Contributions.** No candidate for Village office may accept any contribution from any individual, corporation or partnership currently holding a liquor license in the Village. For purposes of this Section, "liquor license holder" includes all officers of any corporation holding a liquor license and all partners of any partnership holding a liquor license.~~

Section 1-605 Campaign Contributions – Organizations.

a. No organization may make a contribution or contributions to a candidate, or a committee supporting a candidate, for the office of Village President or Village Trustee in a total amount greater than \$1,000 for any single campaign.

b. No candidate, or committee supporting a candidate, for the office of Village President or Village Trustee may accept a contribution or contributions from an organization in a total amount greater than \$1,000 for any single campaign.

c. This Section does not apply to contributions made for political speech independent of any candidate campaign or to contributions from a candidate for his or her own campaign.

d. For purposes of this Section, the word “contribution” means money, loans, debts incurred, property-in-kind, or other things having a monetary value that is incurred or received by the candidate or by persons directly involved with the candidate. The word “contribution” does not include an activity to which an individual is invited in his or her official capacity.

e. For purposes of this Section, the word “organization” means any organized entity such as a corporation, partnership, association, committee, or similar entity, but not including a candidate’s political committee or any independent non-candidate political committee.

SECTION FOUR: This Ordinance repeals all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions hereof and shall be in full force and affect from and after its passage, approval and publication in the manner provided by law.

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 4th day of September 2018.

Village President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk