

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-22-310

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE V, SECTION 2-476 ENTITLED "CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS" OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5.3 of the City's Charter, the City Council is required to adopt an Ordinance governing campaign contributions to ensure fair elections, and

WHEREAS, the 2013 session, the Florida Legislature amended Florida Statute 106.08, to increase the maximum allowable amount of campaign contributions from \$500.00 to \$1,000 per candidate in any election, and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk recommends amending Section 2-476 of the City's Code of Ordinances to increase the maximum allowable campaign contributions for Mayoral and City Council candidates,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. AMENDMENT: Section 2-476 of the City's Code of Ordinances shall be amended as follows:

Added language is underlined. Deleted language is stricken through.

**Sec. 2-476. - Campaign contributions.**

No person shall make contributions to any City Council or Mayoral candidate in excess of ~~\$500.00~~ 1,000.00 per candidate in any election.

Section 3. CONFLICT: All ordinances or Code provisions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 5. INCLUSION IN CODE: It is the intention of the City Council of the City of Miami Gardens that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Miami Gardens and that the section of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "Chapter," "Section," "Article" or such other appropriate word or phrase, the use of which shall accomplish the intentions herein expressed.

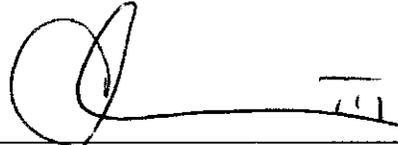
Section 6. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED ON FIRST READING ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013.

PASSED ON SECOND READING ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013.

Added language is underlined. Deleted language is stricken through.

ADOPTED AND PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013.

  
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OLIVER GILBERT, III, MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

  
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RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ., CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

Moved by: Vice Mayor Davis  
Second by: Councilwoman Odom

**VOTE: 7-0**

Mayor Oliver Gilbert, III	<u>X</u> (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Lisa Davis	<u>X</u> (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilwoman Lillie Q. Odom	<u>X</u> (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilman David Williams Jr	<u>X</u> (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilwoman Felicia Robinson	<u>X</u> (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilman Rodney Harris	<u>X</u> (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilman Erhabor Ighodaro, Ph.D.	<u>X</u> (Yes)	_____ (No)

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