



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: ORd. 2018-37 **Version:** 1 **Name:**

Type: Ordinance **Status:** Individual Consideration

File created: 8/21/2018 **In control:** City Council

On agenda: 9/4/2018 **Final action:**

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Sponsors:

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Attachments: 1. Campaign Finance Ordinance For First Reading

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
9/4/2018	1	City Council	approved	Pass
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AGENDA CAPTION:

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Meeting date: September 4, 2018

Department: City Attorney

Amount & Source of Funding

Funds Required: N/A

Account Number: N/A

Funds Available: N/A

Account Name: N/A

Fiscal Note:

Prior Council Action: N/A

City Council Strategic Initiative: [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

Choose an item.

Choose an item.

Comprehensive Plan Element (s): [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

- ☐ Economic Development - Choose an item.
- ☐ Environment & Resource Protection - Choose an item.
- ☐ Land Use - Choose an item.
- ☐ Neighborhoods & Housing - Choose an item.
- ☐ Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.
- ☐ Transportation - Choose an item.
- ☐ Not Applicable

Master Plan: *[Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]*

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Background Information:

The City Council received a presentation from the Ethics Review Commission at a workshop meeting on March 20, 2018 that included recommended changes to the San Marcos Code of Ethics to set limits on individual contributions to candidates for mayor and council positions and total limits on contributions to candidates during an election cycle. On August 6, 2018 the City Council conducted a special meeting and gave direction to city staff to bring forward an ordinance setting an individual limit of \$500 on contributions to candidates for mayor and candidates for council places; and setting limits on total contributions that can be accepted during an election cycle based on the number of qualified voters in the most recent general election multiplied by \$0.75 for mayoral candidates and multiplied by \$0.50 for council candidates.

Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:

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Alternatives:

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Recommendation: