

Rich County Ordinance for Campaign Financial Disclosure Requirements

The County Legislative Body of Rich County, Utah ordains as follows:

Section 1. Purpose.

This ordinance establishes campaign disclosure requirements for candidates for local school board and county office as requires by Utah Code § 17-70-403 (2025).

Section 2. Definitions.

"Candidate" means any person who has filed to run for any county office or local school board office.

"Contribution" means any of the following when done for political purposes:

- (1) A gift, subscription, donation, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value given to the candidate;
- (2) An express, legally enforceable contract, promise, or agreement to make a gift, subscription, donation, unpaid or partially unpaid loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value to the candidate;
- (3) Any transfer of funds from another reporting entity, candidate, or a corporation to the candidate;
- (4) Compensation paid by any person or reporting entity other than the candidate for personal services provided without charge to the candidate;
- (5) Goods or services provided to or for the benefit of the candidate at less than fair market value; and
- (6) In kind contributions.

"Contribution" does not include services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of the candidate; or money lent to the candidate by a financial institution in the ordinary course of business; or good or services provided for a candidate's benefit at less than fair market value that were not authorized by or coordinated with the candidate.

"Expenditure" means:

- (1) Any disbursement from contributions, receipts, or from a separate bank account required by state law;
- (2) A purchase, payment, donation, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, gift of money, or anything of value made for political purposes;
- (3) An express, legally enforceable contract, promise, or agreement to make any purchase, payment, donation, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, gift of money, or anything of value for political purposes;
- (4) Compensation paid by a corporation or candidate for personal services rendered by a person without charge to a candidate;
- (5) A transfer of funds between the candidate and a candidate's personal campaign committee; or
- (6) Goods or services provided by the candidate to or for the benefit of another reporting entity for political purposes at less than fair market value.

"Expenditure" does not include services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a reporting entity; or money lent to a reporting entity by a financial institution in the ordinary course of business.

"In kind contribution" means anything of value, other than money, that is accepted by or coordinated by or candidate.

The County adopts the remaining definitions contained in Utah Code § 17-70-402 (2025).

Section 3. Campaign accounts.

- A. Candidates are responsible for establishing a campaign account that is used for all contributions and expenditures related to their candidacy.
- B. A candidate may not deposit or mingle any contributions received into a personal or business account.

Section 4. Campaign financial report requirement.

- A. A candidate shall timely file with the County Clerk full, correct, and itemized reports of all contributions and expenses as set forth in this section. The reports shall include the following itemizations:
 - (1) The date and amount of each contribution and expenditure;
 - (2) The name of the donor for each contribution, if known;
 - (3) The city of the donor or recipient's primary location;
 - (4) The name of the recipient for each expenditure; and
 - (5) The purpose for each expenditure.
- B. Subsequently filed campaign financial reports shall contain totals from the last report, totals on the current report, and a cumulative up to date total. Subsequent reports shall not contain itemized information supplied in prior reports.
- C. If no contributions are received or expenditures made, candidates must file a report to that effect according to this section.

Section 5. Timeline for filing campaign financial reports.

- A. Candidates shall report the candidate's itemized and total campaign contributions and expenditures on the campaign financial report to the County Clerk.
- B. The deadlines to file campaign financial reports are as follows:

Political party convention involving the candidate.	Between 14 and 7 days prior to the convention for the candidate's elected office. Within 30 days of the convention.
Primary election involving the candidate.	Between 14 and 7 days prior to the primary election for the candidate's elected office.
General election involving the candidate.	Between 14 and 7 days prior to the general election for the candidate's elected office.

When seeking appointment to fill a vacancy.	No later than 3 days before the day when the County Commission or School Board meet to interview the candidate.
County Attorney vacancy in county with 15 or more attorneys. See Utah Code § 20A-1-509.1	No later than 3 days before the day when applicable political party submits nominations to the County Commission.
County Attorney vacancy in county with fewer than 15 attorneys. See Utah Code § 20A-1-509.2	No later than the deadline for the candidate to submit an application to fill the vacancy under Subsection 20A-1-509.2(2)(c).
Candidates eliminated at convention, through primary election, or at general election.	Within 30 days following convention, primary, or election where the candidate was eliminated.
Candidates who withdraw voluntarily.	Within 30 days following the candidate's withdrawal.

- C. All reports shall be available for inspection the day following the deadline and shall be publicly available on the election website within seven (7) calendar days.
- D. When the County Clerk receives an application for a candidate seeking to fill a vacancy, the County Clerk shall immediately submit a copy of the application to the body making the appointment.
- E. If the candidate is the incumbent County Clerk, the Candidate shall file the required reports and provide a copy to the County Attorney for review. Failure to provide said notice may lead to the same penalties set forth in this section and state law.

Section 6. Anonymous contributions.

It is required that a candidate who receives a contribution that is cash or a negotiable instrument, exceeds fifty dollars (\$50.00), and is from a donor whose name is unknown, shall, within thirty (30) days after receiving the contribution disburse the amount of the contribution to:

- (1) The County Treasurer for deposit into the County's general fund; or

- (2) An organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code.

Section 7. Public access to campaign financial reports.

- A. Campaign financial reports are public documents for purposes of GRAMA.
- B. The County Clerk shall publish campaign financial reports as provided by Utah Code § 17-70-403(21).

Section 8. Failure to file campaign financial report.

Failure to file a campaign financial report is subject to the consequences set out in Utah Code § 17-70-403(12), (14) through (20) (2025).

Section 9. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon posting as provided by law.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 13th day of May, 2026.

BOARD OF RICH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Simon D. Weston
Chairman

ATTEST:

A. Peart
Rich County Clerk

Commissioner Bill Cox voted yes

Commissioner Sim Weston voted yes

Commissioner Jonathan Lee voted yes