



King County Department of Elections

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Elections

Customer Service Information Notice

CSI-13 (Effective January, 2012)

**CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS**

Adjustment of Campaign Contribution Limits for Years 2012-2013

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

King County Code 1.05.105 state as follows:

*Adjustment of dollar* "At the beginning of each even-numbered calendar year elections division shall increase or decrease all dollar amounts in this chapter based on changes in economic conditions as reflected in the inflationary index used by the Washington state Public Disclosure Commission under RCW 42.17.370...."

Historically, the Elections Division (formerly the Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division) has made its biennial adjustments based on the inflationary index and computations used by the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC), to determine adjustments in the dollar amount used in campaign contribution rules.

In 2006, the State Legislature amended RCW 42.17.640 (1) (c) to impose limits on contributions to candidates seeking election to county offices in jurisdictions having over 200,000 registered voters. These limits are also to be adjusted for inflation in accordance with RCW 42.17.690.

On December 8, 2011, the Public Disclosure Commission approved revisions to WAC 390-05-400. The contribution limits for candidates for county offices is established within WAC and become effective January 1, 2012.

REVISION

Based on the new dollar amounts established by the PDC, the campaign contribution dollar limit established in KCC 1.05.040 (A) is adjusted for the period years 2012 through 2013 to:

One thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,800)

in the aggregate during the period from January 1, after the date of the previous general election through December 31, after the upcoming general election, to any candidate for the office of King County Executive, King County Council, King County Sheriff, King County Director of Elections or King County Assessor.

EFFECTIVE DATES

Due to the changes established by the PDC, this revision is effective January 1, 2012 and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2013, unless sooner superseded by county directive.

Director, King County Department of Elections

Distribution:

King County Executive  
King County Councilmembers  
King County Sheriff  
King County Assessor  
Major King County Political Parties