

ORDINANCE NO. 2781-09

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA
ESTABLISHING ELECTRONIC CAMPAIGN REPORT FILING IN A
SORTABLE FORMAT, WITH LINKS TO INFORMATION REGARDING
CORPORATE DONORS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City Commission of Winter Park recognizes the importance of high standards of ethical conduct to a healthy community, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of Winter Park, desiring to take proactive steps to insure that its officials and board and task force members adhered to such high ethical standards, established the Ethics Board to, in part, draft a code of ethics for the City of Winter Park, and

WHEREAS, the appointed members of the Ethics Board have spent substantial time researching, considering and debating various ethical issues and;

WHEREAS, the Ethics Board believes that greater transparency of campaign financing would increase Winter Park citizens' confidence in our elected officials and made recommendations regarding how campaign contributions are reported; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes expressly permit municipalities to establish campaign finance electronic reporting requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission accepted and desires to codify the Ethics Board's recommendations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK:

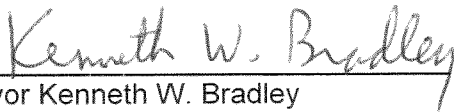
SECTION 1. That Chapter 42 "Elections" of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by establishing Section 42-11 to be titled Campaign Finance Reporting to read as follows:

1. All candidates for Winter Park office shall abide by applicable state statutes as amended from time to time;
2. In order to enhance transparency in campaign financing, all campaign finance reports submitted by a candidate must be submitted electronically via computer or on a computer readable disc in a sortable format established by the City Clerk;
3. Each campaign finance report filed pursuant to this section shall be considered to be under oath by the candidate and the candidate's treasurer and those individuals are subject to the requirements of state law regarding the accuracy and timely filing of reports;
4. Concurrently with the electronic filing of a campaign finance report, the filing party shall submit to the City Clerk an original signature page certifying under oath the accuracy of the information contained in the report;

5. Electronic campaign finance reports must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on or before the days set forth in state statutes as amended from time to time.


SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final passage and adoption.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Winter Park, Florida, held in City Hall, Winter Park, on this 28th day of September, 2009.



Mayor Kenneth W. Bradley

ATTEST:



For: City Clerk Cynthia S. Bonham
Deputy City Clerk, Nancy McLean