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Violation Complaint Received 05/10/2019:

Statement of Facts

I write to notify the elections department of a potential violation of Section 01.07.030 of the Spokane Fair Elections Code. Nadine Woodward according to the Public Disclosure commission has received 12 donations that are over the \$500 dollar per election limit. There is currently no candidate in the race for Mayor of the City of Spokane who have self-funded over \$11,500. Given that the contribution limit of \$500 should be in place, Nadine has not followed that limit. This can be seen via the link I have provided to Washington States Public Disclosure Commission's website. Now it could be argued because Andrew Rathbun for a short time considered a mayoral run and self funded over 11,500 the contribution limits do not exist. Andrew Rathbun has since declared they are running for city council instead of mayor and has filed with the Public Disclosure commission that change. Also worth noting Andrew Rathbun never filed with the Spokane Elections office to be an official mayoral candidate. That means no official candidate mayoral candidate has self-funded over 11,500 in the race for Spokane Mayor, and the contribution limits should still be in place. Nadine Woodward has exceeded those donation limits. When added together Nadine's violation of the contribution limits have added \$9540.00 to her campaign. Nadine Woodward's contribution. https://www.pdc.wa.gov/browse/campaign-explorer/candidate?filer_id=WOODN%20%20203&election_year=2019 Andrew Rathbun's new declaration they are running for council. https://www.pdc.wa.gov/browse/campaign-explorer/candidate?filer_id=RATHA2%20202&election_year=2019 Thank you for your time.

City response:

The City has reviewed the complaint of violation of section 01.07.030 of the Spokane Municipal Code (SMC).

SMC 01.07.030(C) states "...If a candidate makes personal contributions to their campaign in aggregate of \$11,500 or more of his or her own funds, including surplus funds from a previous campaign, or independent expenditures are made in support of a candidate or in opposition to his or her opponent in aggregate of

\$11,500, all candidates for election to that office may surpass the contribution limits set forth in SMC 01.07.030(A) and may solicit and accept contributions up to the limits allowed by the Washington Public Disclosure Commission.”

SMC Section 01.07.030(D) states “Candidate filings with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission shall constitute the evidence of contributions received during an election cycle for the purposes of enforcement of the penalty for violation”

It is the determination of the City that once a candidate for any office contributes \$11,500 or more of his or her own funds, including surplus funds from a previous campaign, or independent expenditures are made in support of a candidate or in opposition to his or her opponent in aggregate of \$11,500 then all candidates for election to that office may surpass the contribution limits set forth in SMC 01.07.030(A) and may solicit and accept contributions up to the limits allowed by the Washington Public Disclosure Commission. Subsequent changes to candidate status, including but not limited to withdrawal from race, change of campaign, or elimination through the primary election shall not reinstate this limit once waived.

In addition, the only source of information that shall constitute evidence for the purpose of determination of violations of SMC 01.07 shall be candidate filings with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission. Alternate sources of information such as public announcements or filings with the Spokane County Elections Office are not relevant to this issue.

Based on this review, it has been determined that no violation has occurred and this complaint is considered closed.