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AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 20-1000 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Political Contributions and Expenditures," by providing for contribution limits for incumbents, and making technical changes, under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 20-1000 of The Philadelphia Code is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 20-1000. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES

§ 20-1001. Definitions.

For purposes of this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

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(11.1) Incumbent. An individual who holds a City elective office.

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§ 20-1002. Contribution Limitations.

(1) Except as provided in subsection [(6),] (9), no individual shall make total contributions per calendar year, including contributions made to or through one or more political committees, of more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to a candidate for City elective office *or to an incumbent*.

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(2) Except as provided in subsection [(6),] (9), no person, other than individuals who are covered under § 20-1002(1), and no political committee shall make total contributions per calendar year, including contributions made to or through one or more political committees, of more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to a candidate for City elective office *or to an incumbent*.

(3) During those calendar years in which a covered election is not occurring, candidates shall be limited in receiving political committee contributions as follows:

(i) candidates for Mayor *and an incumbent Mayor* may receive political committee contributions totaling no more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) per year;

(ii) candidates for District Attorney and City Controller *and incumbents serving in either office* may receive political committee contributions totaling no more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year;

(iii) candidates for City Council, Sheriff and City Commissioner *and incumbents serving in any such office* may receive political committee contributions totaling no more than seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per year.

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(12) No candidate for City elective office, *no incumbent*, and no political committee, shall accept any contribution or post-candidacy contribution which exceeds the contribution limits set forth in this Chapter.

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Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.
Italics indicate new matter added.