

Proposed: 12/06/2021

ORDINANCE NO. 155-2021 (AS), *First Reading*

By Council Member

An Ordinance amending Section 183.01, “Public Hearing,” of Chapter 183, Political Influence by Corporate Entities, of the Cleveland Heights Codified Ordinances to the date of the public hearing that is to be held annually;

WHEREAS, in 2013, an initiative Ordinance was submitted to the City to amend the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights to enact a new Chapter entitled “Political Influence by Corporate Entities”; and

WHEREAS, this Council, by Resolution No. 143-2013, submitted the initiative Ordinance to the City’s electorate at the next regular election; and

WHEREAS, the electorate of the City of Cleveland Heights passed the initiative Ordinance at the regular election on November 5, 2013, thereby establishing Chapter 183 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights; and

WHEREAS, Section 183.01, “Public Hearing,” of Chapter 183, Political Influence by Corporate Entities, of the Cleveland Heights Codified Ordinances currently establishes that a public hearing shall be held during the month of January each year; and

WHEREAS, based upon the press of new business and the potential for inclement weather during the month of January, this Council has determined it is in the best interests of the City and its residents to move the date of the public hearing required under Section 183.01 to June of each year.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Section 183.01, “Public Hearing,” of Chapter 183, Political Influence by Corporate Entities, of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights is hereby amended to henceforth read as follows:

Beginning in 2014, City Council shall hold a public hearing during the month of ~~January~~ June each year to examine the impact on our City, our state and our nation of political influence by corporate entities and big money in connection with the most recent election. Corporate entities include business corporations, Political Action Committees, Super PACs, 501 c4 groups and unions. Members of the general public in attendance shall be afforded the opportunity to speak on these matters for up to five (5) minutes per person. The public hearing shall be held during an evening or weekend time. The City will publicize the public hearing on its website and in area media at least two (2) weeks in advance. The City shall record the

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minutes of the hearing and make them available to the public no later than ~~March~~ August 1 of each year by posting them on the City's website.

SECTION 2. All remaining provisions of Chapter 183 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Ordinance shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time permitted by law.

JASON S. STEIN
President of Council

AMY HIMMELEIN
Clerk of Council

PASSED: