

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 226 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE LIMITS AND REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, campaign spending is a form of political speech protected by the First Amendment, and the government should not penalize citizens for engaging in political discourse and the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, campaign fundraising caps have led to less transparency in the political process in recent years; and

WHEREAS, campaign fundraising caps force candidates to spend an increasing amount of time raising money in small increments, distracting them from interacting with the public and their constituents; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to repeal campaign finance limits, thereby restoring transparency to the political process and allowing Hudson's residents to give voice to their First Amendment rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Hudson, Summit County, Ohio, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 226 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Hudson is hereby rescinded and repealed.

Section 2. That the aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance and restated here

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

Jeffrey Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 26-70 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council