ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTARY SELF-FUNDS LIMIT FOR PARTICIPANTS OF A VOLUNTARY PUBLIC FINANCE PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE VOUCHER PROGRAM IF THE CITY CHARTER IS AMENDED TO ADOPT THE DEMOCRACY DOLLARS PROGRAM.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. City Code Chapter 2-2 (Campaign Finance) is amended to add a new Section 2-2-58 to read:

§ 2-2-58 RESTRICTIONS ON SELF-FINANCED LOANS OR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING IN VOUCHER PROGRAMS.

(A) A candidate who intends to participate or is participating in a voluntary public campaign finance program that provides vouchers for the purpose of enabling contributions to candidates shall not loan or contribute from his or her own funds an amount that exceeds the Voluntary Self-Funding Limit of $5,000 to their campaign committee or officeholder account, or to any political committee, political party, or any organization that will make an independent expenditure for or against any candidate for a city-elected position within the same election cycle.

(B) The City Clerk shall over time and at their discretion, present to the City Council any recommended amendments to this ordinance to modify the Voluntary Self-Funding Limit based on experience and on the changes to the Consumer Price Index.

PART 2. City Code Chapter 2-2 (Campaign Finance) is amended to add a new Section 2-2-71 to read:

§ 2-2-71 ADDITIONAL VOUCHER PROGRAM
(A) If the City Code or the City Charter is amended to establish a voluntary public campaign finance program that provides vouchers to registered voters to make contributions to candidates, a separate and additional program, with separate and additional funding, shall be established by this ordinance to provide such vouchers to adults eligible under federal law to donate to a political campaign who are not registered voters. Such persons must have continuously resided in Austin for at least 60 days immediately preceding requesting such a voucher.

(B) Any such person opting in to a voucher-based public campaign finance program shall be subject to similar program rules and regulations as voucher recipients in other programs established by the City.

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on ________________, 2021.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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Steve Adler
Mayor

APPROVED: ___________________________ ATTEST: ___________________________

Anne L. Morgan Jannette S. Goodall
City Attorney City Clerk