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**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTARY SELF-FUNDING 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**

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

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

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48 **PART 3.** This ordinance takes effect on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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50 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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Steve Adler  
Mayor

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Anne L. Morgan  
City Attorney

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk