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## GENERAL INFORMATION ON CAMPAIGN AND POLITICAL FINANCE REPORTING

### Introduction

This page is intended as a brief introduction to the municipal candidates as to the laws pertaining to campaign finance reporting. None of this information is intended to replace qualified legal advice.

In 2019, the Avon Town Council adopted campaign finance regulations that are now codified in Chapter 1.14 of the Avon Municipal Code. Chapter 1.14 supersedes any and all conflicting constitutional provisions, state statutes, including the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act, and rules promulgated thereunder by the Secretary of State.

### Committees

Pursuant to Chapter 1.14, any candidate or group of people with a common purpose of receiving money to support a candidate must register as a candidate committee. A candidate committee must report all contributions and expenditures in excess of \$20.00. No individual may contribute more than \$250.00 to any candidate committee, except there is no limit on the amount a candidate can contribute to their own campaign.

Similarly, group of two or more people who are associated with each other for the purpose of making contributions to candidates or candidate committees or making expenditures on a candidate's behalf are deemed a political committee. An expenditure occurs where a political committee expends money for the purpose of advocating for the election, defeat or recall of a candidate, which expenditure is not controlled by a candidate. A political committee must report all contributions in excess of \$20.00, but there is not cap on individual contributions to political committees.

### Candidate Affidavit

A person becomes a candidate when they publicly announce your intent to run for office and thereafter receive a contribution or make an expenditure in support of their candidacy. A candidate must file a Candidate Affidavit within ten days of becoming a candidate. An individual may file the Candidate Affidavit prior to any of the events listed above, and will then be deemed a candidate.

### Registration and Reporting

All Candidate Committees and Political Committees must file a New Committee forms and file such forms with the Town Clerk. All such committees must thereafter file disclosure reports with the Town Clerk until the committee has been terminated. Disclosures must be made as follows:

October 12, 2021 (21 days before the election)  
October 19, 2021 (14 days before the election)  
October 29, 2021 (Friday before the election)  
December 2, 2021 (30 days after the election)

Individuals who fail to register or report pursuant as set forth in Chapter 1.14 are subject to civil and criminal penalties.