

**TAYLORSVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**MEETING DATE:** July 11, 2012

**AGENDA ITEM:** Ordinance 12-11 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.36 of the Taylorsville Code of Ordinances with Respect to Campaign Contribution Limitations

**PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED – YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** **X** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE REQUIRED**

**ORDINANCE** **X** **RESOLUTION** \_\_\_\_\_ **NONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRESENTER:** John Brems

**ISSUE SUMMARY:** Consideration of Ordinance 12-11 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.36 of the Taylorsville Code of Ordinances with Respect to Campaign Contribution Limitations

**COMMISSION / ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Consider Ordinance 12-11 for approval

**CITY ATTORNEY (Approved as to form):**

N/A

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Motion to approve Ordinance 12-11

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** John Brems

**TAYLORSVILLE, UTAH**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 12-11**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.36 OF THE  
TAYLORSVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO  
CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Taylorsville City Council (the "Council") met in regular meeting on July 11, 2012, to consider, among other things, amending Chapter 2.36 of the Taylorsville Code of Ordinances with respect to campaign contribution limitations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has determined that a contribution limitation can be justified by the City's interest in combatting not only the reality, but also the appearance of corruption; and

**WHEREAS**, corruption means corruption not only confined to outright bribery, but also extends to the broader threat from politicians too compliant with the wishes of large contributors; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Attorney has advised the Council of the findings in *Buckley vs. Valeo*, 424 U.S.1, regarding the appearance of corruption and other types of evidence that tend to show an appearance of corruption; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council finds that the campaign contribution limits set forth herein are sufficient to allow the candidate to get his message across; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council finds that the campaign contributions set forth here are closely drawn to serve a significant governments' interest, such as preventing corruption and the appearance of corruption; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has determined that it is appropriate to enact Section 2.36.055 with respect to contribution limitations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council that Section 2.36.055 is amended as follows. (Changes are designated by interlineating the words to be deleted and underlining the words to be added.)

**2.36.055: CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS:**

**A. No person shall make contributions during any election cycle, as set forth in this chapter, to any candidate or his personal campaign committee, or any political committee with respect to any election for city office, that, in the aggregate, exceeds the following amounts:**

<u>Office</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Mayor</u>	<u>\$7,500</u>
<u>City Council</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>

B. The acceptance of anonymous contributions is prohibited. Any anonymous contribution received by a candidate or a personal campaign committee or a political committee shall be transmitted to the city treasurer for deposit in the general fund of the city. Each contributor of a contribution shall disclose to the personal campaign committee or political committee the name and address of such contributor.

C. The limitation imposed above shall not apply to contributions by a candidate of the candidate's own resources to the candidate's own campaign.

This Ordinance, assigned Ordinance No. 12-11, shall take effect as soon as it shall be published or posted as required by law, deposited, and recorded in the office of the City Recorder, and accepted as required herein.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

**TAYLORSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Rechtenbach, Chairman

**VOTING:**

Dama Barbour	Yea ___	Nay ___
Ernest Burgess	Yea ___	Nay ___
Larry Johnson	Yea ___	Nay ___
Kristie S. Overson	Yea ___	Nay ___
Jerry Rechtenbach	Yea ___	Nay ___

**PRESENTED** to Mayor of Taylorsville for his approval this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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**Russ Wall, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Cheryl Peacock Cottle, Recorder**

**DEPOSITED** in the Recorder's office this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

**POSTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.