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Ordinances
8113 re Election Code and
8114 re Campaign Finance
Code

History of Election Code

- ▶ Uniform Election Code rather than Municipal Election Code adopted in 1994
 - ▶ Following state election code changes to accommodate TABOR
 - ▶ Most other cities did not adopt Uniform Election Code for municipal elections
 - ▶ Requires annual update of BRC to reflect annual legislative changes

Current Status of Municipal Elections

- ▶ Most if not all cities adopted Municipal Election Code for municipal elections and Uniform Election Code for coordinated elections

Aspen	Broomfield
Colorado Springs	Denver
Fort Collins	Lafayette
Loveland (by charter)	Longmont
Louisville	Nederland
Thornton	Superior
Westminster	

Differences between Uniform and Municipal Election Codes - Uniform

- ▶ Statewide
- ▶ Partisan elections
- ▶ run by county clerks under the direction of the Secretary of State
- ▶ Required for all coordinated elections run by county
- ▶ For Boulder, all November elections are coordinated elections

Differences between Uniform and Municipal Election Codes - Municipal

- ▶ city-wide
- ▶ non-partisan elections
- ▶ run by city clerks
- ▶ Allows for general Improvement districts and special elections
- ▶ Allows council to adopt procedures of Uniform Election Code for any election
- ▶ Requires use of same voting machines and electronic voting systems as Uniform Election Code



Campaign Finance

Ordinance No. 8114

Address State Law changes

- ▶ No longer provides for political committees
- ▶ No longer purges registration records
 - ▶ skews formulas
- ▶ To adopt intent of Matching Fund formulas
 - ▶ Expenditure Limit: \$20,000
 - ▶ Minimum number of individual contributors: 80
- ▶ Political committees must form committees

Address court decisions

- ▶ Courts have eliminated expenditure limit for issue campaigns
- ▶ Courts have eliminated campaign expenditure reporting requirements
 - ▶ Except as supported for public informational interest
 - ▶ To address disproportionate corporate spending
 - ▶ Difficulty of completed disclosure forms
- ▶ Eliminate expenditure limit for issue committees
- ▶ Incorporate legislative intent and findings to support continue
- ▶ Requirement for campaign disclosures

Clean-Up

- ▶ Eliminate requirements to disclose electronic campaign activities that do not involve the expenditure of money
- ▶ Change title of incumbent disclosure since not a financial disclosures
- ▶ Titles and terms used

Emergency Adoption

- ▶ Have been waiting to publish campaign committee guidelines for ordinance changes
- ▶ Initiative committees active now
- ▶ Issue committees will be active as early as August
- ▶ Need ordinance effective to include requirements in Guideline Publication