

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-18

A RESOLUTION REQUIRING SUBMISSION OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS THROUGH AN ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM; ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SYSTEM; ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR SYSTEM ACCESS AND USAGE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO PROMULGATE RULES AND OTHER GUIDANCE RELATED TO THE SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes chapter 106 requires candidates for statewide office to file certain campaign finance reports electronically; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes section 106.07(2)(a)2 authorizes the City of Dunedin (the “**City**”) to impose electronic filing requirements upon candidates for Mayor and City Commission that are not in conflict with Florida Statutes section 106.0705; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes section 106.07(3) requires that the campaign finance reports of political committees registered with the City Clerk in accordance with Florida Statutes section 106.03(3) be subject to the same filing conditions as the campaign finance reports of candidates; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that electronic filing of campaign finance reports by candidates and political committees will promote accuracy, efficiency, and transparency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Dunedin, Florida, that all candidates and political committees must file campaign finance reports electronically, in accordance with the following:

1. **Definitions:** For purposes of this resolution, the following definitions apply:
 - (a) “**Campaign**” means the campaign of a person seeking elective office within the City that is required by law to file a Report.
 - (b) “**Committee**” means a political committee that is required by law to file a Report.
 - (c) “**Report**” means a report of campaign finance activity that must be filed with the City Clerk pursuant to Florida Statutes chapter 106.

(d) **“System”** means the Internet-based system established by the City for recording and reporting campaign finance activity in accordance with this resolution.

2. Requirement to File Electronically: Unless an alternative filing procedure has been authorized by the City Clerk in accordance with section 67, each Report must be filed with the City Clerk through the System before midnight at the end of the applicable due date.

3. System Requirements: At all times, the System must comply with applicable provisions of federal, state, and local law, including Florida Statutes section 106.0705(5) and provisions of Florida law regarding public records.

4. Access to System: The City Clerk is responsible for administering the credentials through which each user securely accesses the System, which may consist of a username, password, PIN, digital certificate, or other industry-standard authentication factor (generally, **“Credentials”**).

5. Usage Requirements: Each person who uses System is subject to the following requirements:

(a) Credentials are approved on an individual basis and may not be shared—even with members of the same Campaign or Committee. Each user who is approved for Credentials is responsible for protecting those Credentials from disclosure or compromise. Once Credentials have been approved for a user, that user is deemed responsible for every Report filed using those Credentials until such time as the City Clerk is notified of disclosure or compromise of those Credentials.

(b) By filing a Report through the System, a person (i) is deemed to have electronically signed the Report under oath and to have certified the correctness of the Report in accordance with applicable law; (ii) is responsible for the accuracy and veracity of the Report; and (iii) is deemed to have committed a criminal act by certifying a Report that is known to be incorrect, false, or incomplete.

6. Implementation: The City Clerk is authorized to promulgate any rules, forms, procedures, or other guidance needed to give full effect to this resolution. At a minimum, the City Clerk shall provide alternate filing procedures to be used (i) in the event that the System is temporarily unavailable and (ii) to the extent required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 or other applicable law.

PASSED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN,
FLORIDA, THIS 11th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:



Rebecca C. Schlichter

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