

Ordinance # 253

An Ordinance by the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Ashland City, Tennessee to amend a certain portion of Ordinance #120 Section VII-Miscellaneous Policies.

Be It Ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Ashland City that Ordinance #120, a certain portion of Section VII – Miscellaneous Policies, A. Political Activity be amended as follows:

A. Political Activity

Nothing in this section is intended to prohibit any municipal government employee from privately expressing his/her political views or from casting his/her vote in all elections.

Municipal government employees are prohibited from participating in the following political activities:

1. **Elections for Municipal offices** – No town employee, while on duty, in or out of uniform, or on or off municipal government property, shall at any time or any place:
 - a. become a candidate or campaign for an elective municipal government office;
 - b. directly or indirectly solicit, receive, collect, handle, disburse, or account for assessments, contributions, or other funds for a candidate for municipal government;
 - c. organize, sell tickets to, promote, or actively participate in a fund-raising activity of a candidate for a municipal government office;
 - d. take an active part in managing the political campaign of a candidate for municipal government;
 - e. solicit votes supporting or opposing a candidate for municipal government;
 - f. act as a recorder, watcher, challenger, or similar officer at the polls on behalf of a candidate for municipal government;
 - g. drive voters to the polls on behalf of a candidate for municipal government;
 - h. endorse or oppose a candidate for municipal government in a political advertisement, broadcast, campaign literature, or similar material;
 - i. address a rally, or similar gathering of the supporters or opponents of a candidate for municipal government;
 - j. initiate or circulate a nominating petition for a candidate for municipal government; or
 - k. wear campaign buttons, pins, hats, or other similar attachments or distribute campaign literature supporting or opposing a candidate for municipal government.

2. **All other elections for public office** – No municipal government employee, while on duty, in or out of uniform, or on or off municipal government property, shall at any time or any place while on duty:
- a. become a candidate or campaign for an elective public office for this municipal government;
 - b. take an active part in managing the political campaign of a candidate for public office while on duty;
 - c. directly or indirectly solicit, receive, or collect contributions or other funds for a candidate for public office while on duty;
 - d. sell tickets to a fund-raising activity for a candidate for public office while on duty.

A leave of absence will not be granted to a municipal government employee to engage in any of the political activities mentioned above.

This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its 2nd passage, the public welfare requiring it.

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Passed 2nd reading 4-9-02



Gary Norwood, Mayor



Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder