

**CITY OF ENGLEWOOD**

**NOTICE OF APPROVAL  
OF A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE**

On the 4th day of May 2026, the City Council of the City of Englewood, Colorado, approved on first reading the following Council Bill:

**BY AUTHORITY  
COUNCIL BILL NO.40  
INTRODUCED BY  
COUNCIL MEMBER PRANGE**

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE  
AMENDING ENGLEWOOD  
MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 1, CHAPTER  
8 TO ESTABLISH CITY CLERK  
AUTHORITY TO REFER FAIR  
CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT  
COMPLAINTS TO THE SECRETARY  
OF STATE IN INSTANCES OF  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

Copies of the aforesaid council bill are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, City of Englewood, Civic Center, 1000 Englewood Parkway, Englewood, Colorado 80110 or it can be found at <http://www.engagewoodco.gov>, Government, Legal/Public Notices.

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TITLE 1, CHAPTER 8 TO ESTABLISH CITY CLERK AUTHORITY TO  
REFER FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT COMPLAINTS TO THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE IN INSTANCES OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Englewood, Colorado, (the “City”), is a home rule municipality, organized and existing under Article XX, Section 6 of the Colorado Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Englewood Municipal Code Section 1-8-9, City of Englewood City Clerk (the “Clerk”) is required to oversee the administration of complaints for violations of the Fair Campaign Practices Act, including violations of Article XXVIII of the State Constitution, Colorado Revised Statutes Article 45, or applicable campaign finance rules (altogether, “FCPA”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Clerk may at times face potential conflicts of interest between themselves, their staff, and either the complainant or respondent in an FCPA complaint that would affect the Clerk’s ability to effectively fulfill their role as administrator of said complaints; and

**WHEREAS**, after initially reviewing an FCPA complaint, the Clerk determines that the complaint identifies a specific violation and satisfies both local and state requirements for a sufficient complaint, the Clerk is authorized to refer the complaint to the Colorado Secretary of State (the “Secretary”) within fourteen business days of receiving the complaint if the municipality has adopted an ordinance authorizing referral based on an actual or potential conflict of the Clerk or the Clerk's staff, as determined in writing by the Clerk, per Colorado Revised Statutes (“C.R.S.”) § 1-45-111.7(10)(a), (c)(I); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with C.R.S. § 1-45-111.7(10)(d), a municipal ordinance that authorizes the municipality to refer a campaign finance complaint to the Secretary must: (1) authorize the Secretary to process, investigate, and resolve the campaign finance complaint; (2) permit the filing of a campaign finance complaint no more than one hundred eighty days after the date on which the complainant either knew or should have known, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, of the alleged violation; (3) require the filing of a campaign finance complaint to be in writing and signed by the complainant on a form provided by the Secretary, including identification of one or more respondents and including the information required to be provided on the form; (4) direct the municipality to cooperate with the Secretary in the processing and investigation of the campaign finance complaint; and (5) disclaim any interest of the municipality in fines collected in connection with a referred campaign finance complaint; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Englewood City Council intends to authorize the Clerk to refer aforementioned complaints to the Secretary in order to effectively administrate FCPA complaints while avoiding future conflicts of interest between the Clerk or the Clerk’s staff, and a complainant or respondent.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO:**

**Section 1.** Amendment of Title 1. Englewood Municipal Code Title 1 Chapter 8 shall be amended to add Section 10 to read as follows (new provisions underlined):

1-8-10: Conflict of Interest; Referral to Secretary of State

The City Clerk may refer to the Colorado Secretary of State any campaign finance complaint filed with the Clerk under EMC § 1-8-9 when there is an actual or potential conflict of interest between City Clerk Office staff and either the complainant or respondent, including when a complaint is filed by or against a City elected official, a City department, or a City staff member. The complaint shall be referred pursuant to C.R.S. § 1-45-111.7(10) and any other applicable statutory requirements.

**Section 2.** The following general provisions and findings are applicable to the interpretation and application of this Ordinance:

A. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall for any reason be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

B. Inconsistent Ordinances. All other Ordinances or portions thereof inconsistent or conflicting with this Ordinance or any portion hereof are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

C. Effect of repeal or modification. The repeal or modification of any provision of the Code of the City of Englewood by this Ordinance shall not release, extinguish, alter, modify, or change in whole or in part any penalty, forfeiture, or liability, either civil or criminal, which shall have been incurred under such provision, and each provision shall be treated and held as still remaining in force for the purposes of sustaining any and all proper actions, suits, proceedings, and prosecutions for the enforcement of the penalty, forfeiture, or liability, as well as for the purpose of sustaining any judgment, decree, or order which can or may be rendered, entered, or made in such actions, suits, proceedings, or prosecutions.

D. Safety Clauses. The City Council hereby finds, determines, and declares that this Ordinance is promulgated under the general police power of the City of Englewood, that it is promulgated for the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and that this Ordinance is necessary for the preservation of health and safety and for the protection of public convenience and welfare. The City Council further determines that the Ordinance bears a rational relation to the proper legislative object sought to be obtained. This Safety Clause is not intended to affect a Citizen right to challenge this Ordinance through referendum pursuant to City of Englewood Charter 47.

E. Publication. Publication of this Ordinance may be in the City’s official newspaper, the City’s official website, or both. Publication shall be effective upon the first publication by either authorized method.

F. Actions Authorized to Effectuate this Ordinance. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the approval authorized by this Ordinance, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to such execution by the Mayor where necessary. In the absence of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tem is hereby authorized to execute the above-referenced documents. The execution of any documents by said officials shall be conclusive evidence of the approval by the City of such documents in accordance with the terms thereof and this Ordinance. City staff is further authorized to take additional actions as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Ordinance, and has authority to correct formatting and/or typographical errors discovered during codification.

G. Enforcement. To the extent this ordinance establishes a required or prohibited action punishable by law, unless otherwise specifically provided in Englewood Municipal Code or applicable law, violations shall be subject to the General Penalty provisions contained within EMC § 1-4-1.