



OKLAHOMA ETHICS COMMISSION

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2022 ELECTIONS: STATE CANDIDATE CAMPAIGNS & FINANCES

Thank you for your interest in serving the great State of Oklahoma! The Ethics Commission was created in part to regulate the conduct of campaigns including the finances involved in campaigns. Laws and helpful materials on the Commission and for candidates running for elective state office are available at www.ethics.ok.gov.

1. **State Candidate Page:** This web page includes reporting calendars, a Guide for Candidates, laws, a contribution chart, checklists, and much more.
2. **Registration and Reporting with the Commission in The Guardian System.**

Register within 10 days of either:

- **receiving over \$1,000** worth of funds, loans, goods, or services for the campaign and includes transfers from prior committees; or
- **spending over \$1,000** for the campaign, including funds spent by the Candidate and fees paid to the Election Board.

Register at <https://guardian.ok.gov>. A \$100 registration fee applies and may be paid online (a \$2.50 convenience fee applies) or to 2300 N. Lincoln Boulevard, G-27, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

The screenshot shows the Oklahoma Ethics Commission website. At the top, there are navigation tabs for Campaigns, State Officers & Employees, Resources, and Commission. Below this is the 'ETHICS COMMISSION OFFICE SCHEDULE' section, which lists regular office hours and provides contact information. A 'Sign up for e-updates' button is visible. Below the schedule is a 'DUE DATES' section with links for the 2022 1st Quarter Report and Lobbyist Liaison March Reports. The main content area is a grid of four columns: Campaigns, State Officers & Employees, Resources, and Commission. Each column contains a list of sub-links. A yellow arrow labeled '1' points to the 'State Candidates' link under the Campaigns tab. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'View & File Reports The Guardian System' and 'Contact Us', along with information about the next commission meeting on April 8, 2022.

All committees that are required to register **must** file periodic reports with the Commission. The 2022 Election Cycle Reporting Calendar is on the “[State Candidates](#)” page at www.ethics.ok.gov

- **Next Report is Due April 1-30, 2022.** This 1st Quarter Contributions and Expenditure Report includes all committee activity through March 31, 2022, not reported previously.

Ethics Commission Compliance Officers: Compliance Officers assist committees with registration, filing reports, in the Commission’s online reporting and public disclosure system, **The Guardian System**, and identify other helpful resources. Compliance Officers will not interpret the rules or how the Rules apply to specific or hypothetical situations. Those questions may be directed to the Executive Director of the Commission, Ashley Kemp.

Questions may be emailed to ethics@ethics.ok.gov after the Candidate Guide has been reviewed.

Using the Guide reserves staff time for the few matters not already addressed in the Guide. Allow at least 2 weeks for a response. Due to staffing levels not all emails will receive a response, such as those asking questions answered in other resources or that do not include sufficient information for staff to provide guidance. **Legal advice will not be provided, nor will determinations be made on whether the conduct of 3rd parties violate the Ethics Rules.** Questions requiring a significant amount of analysis or needing binding guidance must be submitted through a request for an Advisory Opinion from the Commission.



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2022 REGISTRATION CHECKLIST FOR STATE CANDIDATE COMMITTEES

Read through the checklist before completing any items and use it with the Candidate Guide and Ethics Rules.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Read the Candidate Materials</p> <p>Review the following resources from the State Candidate Page at www.ethics.ok.gov.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candidate Guide 2. Reporting Calendar 3. Contributions Chart 4. Ethics Laws
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Prior Committee Information</p> <p>Does the candidate have an active state-level campaign committee for a prior election?</p> <p>YES: The “Transition Checklist” available at www.ethics.ok.gov should be used. It has important information regarding the transition from one committee to another committee.</p> <p>NO: Continue to the next step.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Name the Candidate Committee</p> <p>Candidate committee names must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year of the General election; and • Name of the candidate (full name, first name, middle name, or last name of the candidate). <p>Examples: “John Doe 2022”, “Doe for Senate 2022”, “Friends of Doe 2022”</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Identify Officers for the Committee</p> <p>Committees are required to have at least a Chair and a Treasurer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The same individual, including the Candidate, may be Chair, Treasurer, or both. • Maintain up-to-date and separate contact information for <u>each</u> officer. <p>Candidates must not serve as officers of any committee other than their own.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Open a Candidate Committee Depository</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank • Credit Union, • Other Depository <p>Employer ID Number (EIN) may be required by the bank. See www.irs.gov for details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depository account name must have full name of committee, which includes the year of the General election and name of the candidate. • Depository must ordinarily do business in Oklahoma. See www.banking.ok.gov. • Print or save all bank records (OEC may request documents at any time). <p>All campaign funds are required to be deposited into the campaign depository. All monetary expenditures must be made with check or debit card. Never withdraw cash.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>When to Register a Candidate Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the candidate or committee accepted in excess of \$1,000 for the campaign? • Has the candidate or committee spent in excess of \$1,000 on the campaign? <p>The value of goods, services, filing fees, and the candidate’s personal funds used for the campaign count toward the \$1,000.</p> <p>YES: A “yes” to either of these questions <u>requires</u> the filing of a Statement of Organization (“SO”) with the Ethics Commission using The Guardian System, within 10 calendar days. A registration fee is required.</p> <p>NO: A “no” to both questions means the committee may but is not required to file an SO and pay the registration fee. When \$1,000 has been spent or accepted for the campaign an SO is required within 10 calendar days. A registration fee is required.</p> <p>A candidate is not required to register or report if \$1,000 is not exceeded.</p>

<input type="checkbox"/> <p>File a Statement of Organization “SO” Using The Guardian System</p>	<div style="background-color: #d3d3d3; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid #ccc;"> <p>Go to www.ethics.ok.gov and click on The Guardian System button at the bottom of the home page.</p>  <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">View & File Reports The Guardian System</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On The Guardian System site, click the “Registration” tab. Select the “Candidate Committee” option. Fill-in required fields (indicated by *red asterisk). Click “Add to List” when entering the bank depositories and committee officers. Review and edit registration for accuracy—ensure the <u>street</u> address and email addresses are accurate. Click the acknowledgement box at bottom of the page, electronically sign the SO, and click “submit” to complete the filing of the SO. The SO will be reviewed by the OEC staff within 3 business days. Guardian System login credentials will be sent when the registration is approved or conditionally approved to the email addresses provided. Each user will have their own credentials. Sharing of credentials is not permitted. Individuals can easily be added to access the account by a registered user by amending the SO or contacting OEC staff. Do not share usernames and passwords.
<input type="checkbox"/> <p>Pay \$100 fee for Registration/ Administration</p>	<p>Registration/Administration fees may be paid in The Guardian System with a credit card (\$2.50 service charge applies), or check to the Oklahoma Ethics Commission, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., G-27, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> <p>File Reports as Required by the Ethics Rules</p>	<p>File reports of Contributions and Expenditures and, if applicable, 24-hour Continuing Report of Contributions, until (1) a final report is filed; and (2) the committee is properly dissolved in accordance with the Ethics Rules. Use the “Dissolution Checklist” for how to dissolve the committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting schedules are available at www.ethics.ok.gov Maintain ALL records for at least 4 years. Filing late may result in assessment of a late filing fee up to a maximum \$1,000. The Commission may pursue action in District Court for violations of Ethics Rules.
<input type="checkbox"/> <p>Attend a Candidate Workshop and/or Guardian Training</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A schedule is available at www.ethics.ok.gov. Classes will be available daily at the Capitol during Candidate Filing in April. One on one appointments are available to visit in person or online with a Compliance Officer about reporting with the Commission.

Need Assistance?

- The Guardian System Training.** One-on-one training is available by contacting the OEC staff. One-on-one training is unavailable during the last 5 days of a filing period.
- Ethics Commission Staff.** Call the Ethics Commission staff at (405) 521-3451 or email ethics@ethics.ok.gov if you have questions or would like to schedule a private appointment.



Oklahoma Ethics Commission

2022 Elections: State Candidate Committee Reporting Calendar

- A Statement of Organization (“SO”) is required to be filed with the Ethics Commission within 10 days of spending or receiving in excess of \$1,000. The first report of contributions and expenditures is due during the “Reports Due Between” dates that cover the date when the SO was filed or should have been filed, whichever is earliest. If an SO is filed late or not approved before the end of the “period covered,” the committee must contact the Commission at 405-521-3451 or ethics@ethics.ok.gov to have missing reports added to the account.
- Mandatory dissolution dates are found at the bottom of this schedule.

DIRECTIONS: Committees that file or are required to file an SO must follow the quarterly reporting schedule until 2 weeks before the primary election at which time “Election Cycle Reporting” begins. After the election cycle reporting ends, committees follow the quarterly reporting schedule unless a report is filed with the “final report” checkbox marked and the committee has dissolved.

QUARTERLY REPORTING SCHEDULE

REPORTS DUE BETWEEN	PERIOD COVERED	TYPE OF REPORT DUE
April 1 – April 30, 20XX	January 1 – March 31, 20XX	1st Quarter Contributions and Expenditures Report
July 1 – July 31, 20XX	April 1 – June 30, 20XX	2nd Quarter Contributions and Expenditures Report
October 1 – October 31, 20XX	July 1 – September 30, 20XX	3rd Quarter Contributions and Expenditures Report
January 1 – January 31, 20XX	October 1 – December 31, 20XX	4th Quarter Contributions and Expenditures Report

2022 ELECTION CYCLE REPORTING

REPORTS DUE BETWEEN	PERIOD COVERED	TYPE OF REPORT DUE
April 1 – April 30, 2022	January 1 – March 31, 2022	1st Quarter Contributions and Expenditures Report

PRE-PRIMARY ELECTION REPORTING

June 14 – June 20, 2022	April 1 – June 13, 2022	Pre-Primary Contributions and Expenditures Report Required of all 2022 candidates
Within 24 hours of accepting over \$1,000 in the aggregate from a contributor (includes loans)	June 14 – June 26, 2022	Continuing Report of Contributions (CRC) Required only by candidates in the primary election

JUNE 28, 2022 - PRIMARY ELECTION

PRE-RUNOFF PRIMARY ELECTION REPORTING

August 9 – August 15, 2022	June 14 – August 8, 2022	Pre-Runoff Primary Contributions and Expenditures Report Required of all 2022 candidates
Within 24 hours of accepting over \$1,000 in the aggregate from a contributor (includes loans)	August 9 – August 21, 2022	Continuing Report of Contributions (CRC) Required only by candidates in the runoff primary election

AUGUST 23, 2022 - RUNOFF PRIMARY ELECTION

PRE-GENERAL ELECTION REPORTING

October 25 – October 31, 2022	August 9 – October 24, 2022	Pre-General Contributions and Expenditures Report Required of all 2022 candidates
Within 24 hours of accepting over \$1,000 in the aggregate from a contributor (includes loans)	October 25 – November 6, 2022	Continuing Report of Contributions (CRC) Required only by candidates in the general election

NOVEMBER 8, 2022 - GENERAL ELECTION

January 1 – January 31, 2023	October 25 – December 31, 2022	Post-General Contributions and Expenditures Report
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REPORTING AFTER THE ELECTION CYCLE

File quarterly reports after the election cycle according to the Quarterly Reporting Schedule above. Reports are required until (1) a report is filed with the final report checkbox marked **and** (2) the committee is dissolved according to the Ethics Rules.

MANDATORY DISSOLUTION DATE

Any funds remaining in the Committee 90 days after the required dissolution date are forfeited to the General Revenue Fund of the State of Oklahoma.

Does not take office November 8, 2024	2 year term November 8, 2024	4 year term November 8, 2026	6 year term November 8, 2028
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2022 State Elections: Contribution Chart

CONTRIBUTORS	RECEIVING COMMITTEES				
	State Candidate Committee	Limited Committee	1/25 Committee	Party Committee	Unlimited Committee
Individuals** (candidates may give unlimited contributions to their own campaign)	Per Election Limit*: \$2,900	\$5,000 per year	\$5,000 per year	\$10,000 per year (may be split between multiple party committees)	No Limits
	Unopposed Candidates: \$2,900 per campaign				
Limited Committee (other than 1/25 committees)	Per Election Limit*: \$5,000	\$5,000 per year***	Nothing	\$10,000 per year (may be split between multiple party committees)	Nothing
	Unopposed Candidates: \$5,000 per campaign				
1/25 Limited Committee	Per Election Limit*: \$2,500	Nothing	Nothing	\$5,000 per year (may be split between multiple party committees)	Nothing
	Unopposed Candidates: \$2,500 per campaign				
State Candidate Committee	\$2,900 per campaign (from 2022 committee to 2022 committee)	Nothing	Nothing	Up to \$25,000, only after the race is decided for that candidate	Nothing
Political Party	Statewide Office: \$25,000 prior to general election	Nothing	Nothing	Unlimited transfers between committees in same party	Nothing
	All Other State Offices: \$10,000 prior to general election				
Unlimited Committee	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing	Unlimited***
Corporations	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing	Unlimited

*PER ELECTION LIMITS

Contribution limits are election specific with limits resetting after each election *only if* the candidate's name will appear on another ballot during the election cycle. A contributor may not provide one contribution to be allocated for multiple elections. After the general election, contributors may make additional contributions so long as the overall total given by the contributor does not exceed the amount of a single election limit for that contributor type.

****CASH & ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS:** No more than \$50 of a contributor's contribution may be in cash or from an anonymous source. Cash or anonymous contributions received in excess of \$50 must either be returned to the contributor (if known) or given to the State Treasurer's office to the general revenue fund of the state of Oklahoma.

****TRIBES:** Contributions from tribes are acceptable, as long as the tribe is not incorporated; tribes follow the individual contribution limit of \$2,900 per election.

*****COMMITTEE TYPE & PURPOSE:** A PAC may only contribute to another PAC of the same type and with the same purpose.

CANDIDATE COMMITTEES

REQUIRED DISCLOSURE LANGUAGE: SIGNS, ADS, MAILINGS, ETC.

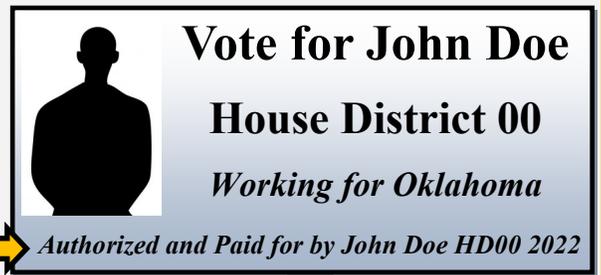
Campaign advertisements and communications—broadcast or printed—may require a disclosure statement. The following chart shows some, but not all, common items involved with candidate committees and whether a disclosure is required.

PRINTED/ELECTRONIC ADVERTISEMENT DISCLOSURE

The *exact* following language must be included in a Candidate Committee advertisement made via electronic or other printed medium either orally or in writing:

“Authorized and Paid for by [Insert Committee Name*]”

***Election year is part of the Committee name.**



Disclosures must be of **sufficient size** and **contrast** to be clearly readable by the intended recipient

This:



Authorized and Paid for by
John Doe for Senate 2022

NOT this:



Authorized and Paid for by John Doe for
Senate 2022



Paid for and Authorized by John
Doe for Senate 2022



Paid for by John Doe for Senate 2022

Reusable Materials: Only printed advertisements that are capable of re-use in another campaign are not required to include the election year in the disclosure.

Advertisements as Contributions

When a contributor is coordinating an ad buy for/with a candidate committee, this is an ad requiring the disclosure language and candidate approval. In these instances the contributor should make a **direct monetary** contribution to the committee.

- The committee must issue a check to the advertiser, and ensure the disclosure is included.
- The candidate committee will report this as a monetary contribution from the contributor and an expenditure by the candidate committee.

REQUIRES THE DISCLOSURE:

	Newspaper, Magazine & Internet Ads	
	Video Ads	
	Mailings	
	Website	
	Banners & Signs (Larger than 18"x24")	
	Handbills/Flyers	
	Door Hangers	

DOES NOT REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE:

	T-shirts & Hats	
	Yard Signs (18"x24" or smaller)	
	Bumper Stickers	
	Campaign Buttons	

CANDIDATE COMMITTEES: CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

Contributions accepted by a candidate and a candidate committee may be used for the following types of expenditures:

- **Ordinary & necessary campaign expenses:** expenses that would not exist but for the campaign.
- **Officeholder expenses:** (apply only to elected officials) and are limited to the amount transferred forward from the committee for the **term of office they are currently serving**, not the term they are seeking re-election to. These expenses are expenses required because of the office held and are unique to the *office* not the *office holder*.
- **Surplus funds:** funds remaining in a campaign after the race for the candidate is decided.
- **Contributions to other State level candidates:** Per campaign limits apply (**dependent on original committee limits**).

Contributions shall **not** be spent for “personal use” which is “any use of funds to fulfill a commitment, obligation, or expense of any person that would exist irrespective of a committee’s activities or holder of elective state office.”

EXAMPLES OF PERMISSIBLE ORDINARY AND NECESSARY CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

Political Party Event Entry or Services Only. Example: Party X hosts a dinner event and charges \$100 per ticket although Party X’s cost is \$25/person. The candidate committee may pay \$25 but not \$100. No contribution may be made to a Political Party Committee until the candidate’s race is decided.	Vehicle Travel: include dates, # of miles traveled, purpose and reimbursement rate for 2022 (\$0.585 or less). Example: 1,320 miles @ \$0.585 for Jan. and Feb. for campaign travel. <i>*Note: The reimbursement rate changes in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act rates.</i>
Campaign Consulting Fees: report with description of type of consulting. <u>Example:</u> Strategic, Fundraising or Media consulting.	Online Merchant Processing Fees
Office Supplies and Equipment (Assets must be sold at the close of committee)	Campaign Office Rent
Advertising	Legal Fees for the campaign
Staff Salaries: Report such expense by staff member’s name	Individual Memberships in Civic or Charitable Organizations: <i>does not include lifetime memberships.</i>
Modestly Valued Campaign Related Goods for Contributors and Volunteers. <u>Examples:</u> shirts, hats, bumper stickers or goods with campaign logo/slogan	Food and Beverages Related to Campaigning: door knocking, watch party, envelope stuffing, etc.
Bookkeeping or Accounting Services	Loan Payments: Only for properly executed loans. For candidates, this requires loan documents signed by lender and committee contemporaneously with the loan, and for the funds to <u>actually be deposited</u> in the campaign depository.
Reimbursement to Candidate for Campaign Purchases made with personal funds <u>within 90 days of the original expenditure</u> (initial purchase recorded as an in-kind expense to the vendor)	

EXAMPLES OF PROHIBITED “PERSONAL USE” EXPENSES

Personal residence mortgage, rent, utilities, food & supplies: even when the house is used for campaign purposes	Gifts: other than modestly valued campaign related goods to contributors or volunteers
Concert, theater, or sports tickets	Vacations or other trips not campaign related
Recreational clubs or memberships/dues: Hunting clubs, country clubs, fitness clubs, golf memberships, etc.	Loan Interest: On loan(s) made by the candidate or the joint funds of the candidate and candidate’s spouse
Personal items: including, but not limited to, apparel (other than modestly valued clothing with campaign logo), footwear, grooming, accessories & dry cleaning	Vehicle maintenance and gasoline: Only permissible if vehicle is wholly owned/leased by the candidate committee, used exclusively for campaign or officeholder purposes, and purchased from a licensed car dealer.

CANDIDATE COMMITTEE CAMPAIGN RECORDS & POLICIES

Committees must report & maintain records for all funds, goods and services given to & leaving the committee.

Best Practice: Create Written Committee Policies

The following are some recommended written policies to consider:

- **Notice to Treasurer of Responsibilities under the Ethics Rules & Acceptance by Treasurer**
- **Signatory Authority:**
 - Who can sign checks/debit cards?
 - Are there restrictions on amount?
 - Contact Treasurer for approval?
- **Determine how to maintain information:**
 - Contributor Statements?
 - Contribution log (monetary and in-kind)?
 - Copies of checks and record of cash?
- **Candidate Reimbursement (90 days to reimburse):**
 - Receipts provided to Treasurer in time for report filing.
 - Name of ultimate vendor to whom payment was made: including Time/Date/Reason.

Depository Records and Statements:

- Verify depository has location doing business in Oklahoma
- Account Opening Records
- Signatory Cards
- Deposit Records
- Copies of Checks
- All Statements

Before Closing Account:

- Print Off or Save All Bank Records

KEEP RECORDS FOR

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YEARS

Required Contributor Records for Contributions:

Must use best efforts to obtain contributor information regardless of the amount or value of the contribution.

- **From Individual Contributors and Tribes:**
 - Name and Address
 - Occupation and Employer (N/A for Tribes)
- **Limited Liability Company/Limited Partnership (LLC/LP)**
 - Report through Members & Partners as individuals (see required info. above)
 - NEED:** Member/Partner Name and % of ownership for **each** member / partner to allocate and report contributions on reports.
 - No contributions if any Members/Partners are incorporated
- **From Committee Contributors—Committee cannot accept Corporate Funds:**
 - Committee #** (OK/Ethics ID, FEC, or number assigned by another state)
 - Committee Address
 - Out of State (Non-FEC) PACs:** required to submit notice of registration to the Ethics Commission before contributing to Oklahoma candidates.
- **In-kind Contributions** - fair market value and description of goods or services

Expenditure Records:

- **Mileage Log:** Date, Amount Miles, Rate, Reason for travel.
- Contracts
- Check Register
- Debit Card Records
- Loan Payments
- Records of Purchased Assets/ Services
- Invoices
- Receipts
- Any other information used to substantiate committee expenditure activity.

Record Keeping for Loans

- **Written Documentation of Loan**
 - Made close in time to funds deposit date
 - Lender information
 - Recipient Committee information
 - Signed by Lender and Treasurer
 - Terms: interest rate and payments, such as “repay through contributions”, “repay as able,” etc.
- **Deposit in Campaign Depository**
 - Deposit slip or other records of deposit

Limits From Candidate or Joint Funds of Candidate and Spouse: No Limits

2022 Election Limits From Other Individual: \$2,900/election a candidate’s name is on the ballot. (Contribution limits).

Limit From Banks or Financial Institutions: Not a contribution so long as it is on same terms available to the public.



If there is a conflict between information on this form and the Ethics Rules, the Ethics Rules control.

COMPLIANCE & COMPLAINTS

Ethics Commission Rules have the full force and effect of statutes and the Commission is required to enforce its rules. The process is summarized below. For more information, see the *Enforcement and Compliance Guide* at www.ethics.ok.gov.

PAST DUE REPORTS, FORMAL COMPLAINTS & INVESTIGATIONS

The Complaints process arises via (1) complaints filed with Commission by a member of the public or (2) internal compliant filed by the Commission staff.

Investigations and Complaints. A written complaint will be filed and considered by the Commissioners of the Ethics Commission. At Commission meetings, the Commission will decide whether to open investigations for alleged violations of the Ethics Rules. Once an investigation is opened, the Commission has the power to issue subpoenas to further its investigation. A formal investigation may be resolved through dismissal, a Settlement Agreement or may be prosecuted as a civil case in District Court. The Commission will not take action, other than dismissal, until the Respondents have been notified of the alleged Rule violations and provided 20 days to respond to the allegations.

Compliance Orders. Due to a recent statutory change regarding the Commission's revolving fund, the Commission is currently unable to continue the Compliance Order process. However, this process is an enforcement mechanism of the Commission to resolve reporting issues, such as late fees, to avoid opening formal investigations for alleged Rule violations that appear due to be simple reporting issues, or failure to timely file reports. The Executive Director may issue compliance orders and assess fees not to exceed \$1,000. Anyone receiving a Compliance Order is provided 30 days to respond to the Order and an opportunity for an administrative hearing before an administrative law judge who may confirm the order or, for good cause shown by the recipient of the Order, the ALJ may modify or set aside the Order.

COMPLAINTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED DURING THE "BLACKOUT PERIOD"

The Commission will not accept complaints that allege a candidate or a candidate committee violated the Ethics Rules during an election cycle. This complaint "blackout period" begins April 13, 2022 and ends November 8, 2022. The Commission will begin accepting complaints for 2022 candidate committees on November 9, 2022. **This provision is intended to prevent the complaint process from being used for political purposes during a campaign.**

The blackout period does not prevent the Commission from engaging in investigations during the complaints blackout period. Rule 6.4.

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