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**Customer Service Information Notice: CSI-13** (Effective January 2026)

**Campaign Contribution Limits**

Adjustment of Campaign Contribution Limits for January 2026 through December 2027

**Official Notice**

**Introduction and background**

King County Code 1.05.105 states as follows:

“At the beginning of each even-numbered calendar year, the elections division shall increase or decrease all dollar amounts in this chapter based on changes in economic conditions as reflected in the inflationary index used by the Washington state Public Disclosure Commission under RCW 42.17.370...”

Historically, the Elections Department has made its biennial adjustments based on the inflationary index and computations used by the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC), to determine adjustments in the dollar amount used in campaign contribution rules.

In 2006, the State Legislature amended RCW 29B.40.020(1)(c) to impose limits on contributions to candidates seeking election to county offices in jurisdictions having over 200,000 registered voters. These limits are also to be adjusted for inflation in accordance with RCW 29B.20.050. (Chapter 42.17 RCW was recodified to 42.17A in 2012 and then recodified to Title 29B in January 2026.)

The PDC approved revisions to WAC 390-05-400 and the contribution limits for candidates for county offices established within WAC became effective on January 8, 2024..

**Revision**

Based on the dollar amounts established by the PDC, the campaign contribution dollar limit established in KCC 1.05.040(A) remains for the period years 2026 through 2027 at:

Two thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,400) (\$1,200 per Election)

In the aggregate during the period from January 1, after the date of the previous general election through December 31, after the upcoming general election, to any candidate for the office of King County Executive, County Council, Assessor or Director of Elections.

**Effective Dates**

This revision is effective January 1, 2026 and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2027 unless sooner superseded by county directive.

Director, King County Department of Elections

**Distribution:**

King County Executive, King County Councilmembers,  
King County Assessor, Major King County Political Parties