

# PROPOSED

EC2025-0636  
ATTACHMENT 3

## BYLAW NUMBER 38M2025

### BEING A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF CALGARY TO AMEND BYLAW 36M2021, THE COUNCILLORS' BUDGETS AND EXPENSES BYLAW \*\*\*\*\*

**WHEREAS** Council has considered EC2025-0636 and considers it necessary to amend the Councillors' Budgets and Expenses Bylaw 36M2021;

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALGARY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Bylaw 36M2021, the Councillors' Budgets and Expenses Bylaw, as amended, is hereby further amended.
2. Subsections 2(c) and 2(h) are deleted.
3. In section 8, the words "including but not limited to those specified in the *Code of Conduct for Elected Officials Bylaw*" are deleted.
4. Subsection 10(k) is deleted.
5. The following is added after section 22 as section 22.1:

#### **"Election-related expenditures**

22.1 (1) In this section:

- (a) "*Campaign Period*" means the period commencing the first of June immediately preceding a general election and ending on the day of the general election;
- (b) "*Councillor*" means any member of Council, including the Mayor;
- (c) "*Election Campaign*" means activities related to the re-election of a *Councillor* and not to their duties under the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c. M-26;
- (d) "*Fund Raising Activity*" means any and all activities undertaken by or on behalf of a *Councillor* to raise funds for the purpose of an *Election Campaign*, taking place at any point during a *Councillor's* term of office.

- (2) A *Councillor* must not use funds from *City* accounts as contributions to municipal, provincial or federal election campaigns.
- (3) A *Councillor* must not use *City* resources for *Election Campaigns* or for a *Fund Raising Activity* at any point during a term of office.

- (4) A *Councillor* must not use *City* data for *Election Campaigns* or *Fund Raising Activities* unless those data sources are publicly available and all fees associated with the use of the data have been paid for with election campaign funds.
- (5) A *Councillor* must only use *City* property for *Election Campaigns* in accordance with *City* policies and bylaws and where such property is similarly available to all candidates.
- (6) A *Councillor* must not use their office to engage in *Election Campaign* related activities.
- (7) During the *Campaign Period*, *Councillors* must not deliver *City*-funded newsletters or conduct open houses organized by them.
- (8) During the *Campaign Period*, *Councillors* must not use *City* resources to distribute mass e-mails except in cases of emergency.
- (9) A *Councillor* must not update websites that are either *City* hosted or external websites paid for by the *City* between Nomination Day and Election Day, as defined by the *Local Authorities Election Act*, RSA 2000, c. L-21, in a general election year. The website may state that the lack of updates is due to the *City's* election campaign rules.
- (10) A *Councillor* must not at any time place links to a *Councillor's* campaign website on either *City* websites or external websites paid for by the *City*. A *Councillor's* campaign website may link to a *City* website or an external website paid for by the *City*.
- (11) A *Councillor* may use non-*City* funded social media and Internet resources (e.g. X accounts, Meta accounts) in their personal names during a *Campaign Period*, even when they have been using those resources prior to the *Campaign Period*. During the *Campaign Period* these accounts must include, where possible, a disclaimer that they are not *City*-funded and do not reflect *City* policy.
- (12) *City* employees and *Councillor* staff must not be engaged or requested by a *Councillor* to work on an *Election Campaign* during hours in which they receive compensation from the *City*, unless the work both unavoidably overlaps with the regular duties of the employee or *Councillor* staff and is minor and infrequent. Examples of such activities might include coordinating campaign schedules within the *Councillor* calendar or redirecting citizens with campaign questions to the campaign.
- (13) *City* employees and *Councillor* staff may work on a volunteer or paid capacity for an *Election Campaign* during non-work or vacation hours, but must not identify themselves as *City* or *Council* employees.
- (14) *Councillor* staff may take unpaid leave from the *Councillor's* office to work on an *Election Campaign*.

(15) Any wages paid to *City* employees and *Councillor* staff working on an *Election Campaign* in accordance with subsections (13) and (14) must be paid from sources other than the *City*.”.

- 6. Subsection 25(1) is deleted.
- 7. This Bylaw comes into force on the day it is passed.

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