

Sec. 1A-3-10. - Political activity.

- A. *City officials.* In any election, except the city official's own, a city official shall not:
1. Use the prestige of the city official's position with the city on behalf of a candidate, political party, or political committee, including but not limited to:
 - a. An endorsement, a city official (who is a city official only because that person is an appointed member of a board, commission, or body) is not prohibited from lending the city official's name so long as the office held with the city is not mentioned;
 - b. Any election ordered by the City of Coppell on a proposition or measure, a city council member, board or commission is prohibited from lending the city official's name and official city title; and
 2. Serve as the designated campaign treasurer for a candidate under the Texas Election Code; or
 3. Solicit or receive contributions for a candidate, political party, or political committee, except that a city official is not prohibited from serving on a steering committee to plan a program of solicitation and listing the member's name without reference to the office held when the committee as a whole is listed.
- B. *Influencing subordinates.* A city official shall not, directly, or indirectly, induce or attempt to induce any city subordinate of the official to:
1. Participate in an election campaign, contribute to a candidate or political committee, or engage in any other political activity relating to a particular party, candidate, or issue; or
 2. Refrain from engaging in any lawful political activity.
- A general statement merely encouraging another person to vote does not violate this subsection.
- C. *Paid campaigning.* A city official shall not directly or indirectly accept anything of value for political activity relating to an item pending on the ballot, if the official participated in, or provided advice relating to, the exercise of discretionary authority by a city body that contributed to the development of the ballot item. "Anything of value" does not include a meal or other item of nominal value the city official receives in return for providing information on an item pending on the ballot.
- D. *Official vehicles.* A city official shall not display or fail to remove campaign materials on any city vehicle under his or her control.
- E. *Charter provisions.* A city official shall comply with the provisions governing political activity.
- F. *Public property and resources.* Limitations on the use of public property and resources for political purposes are imposed by Section 1A-3-9 of this chapter.

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