Short Title: Cary Campaign Disclosures.   (Local)

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1   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2   AN ACT GRANTING TO THE CARY TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORITY TO
3   REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF THE NAMES OF CONTRIBUTORS TO TOWN
4   ELECTION CAMPAIGNS, AND TO LIMIT THE AMOUNTS OF SUCH
5   CONTRIBUTIONS, AS HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN GRANTED TO ANOTHER
6   MUNICIPALITY.
7   The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
8   **SECTION 1.** The Charter of the Town of Cary, being Chapter 868 of the
9   Session Laws of 1971 as amended, is further amended by adding the following new
10 sections to Article IV, Election Procedure:
11   "Section 4.12. Disclosure of Contributors.
12   (a)   The Town Council may by ordinance require the disclosure by candidates
13 (and their political committees) for elective town office of the names of all contributors
14 to their campaigns. The ordinance may exempt from disclosure contributions below a
15 monetary amount set in the ordinance. The ordinance may not set a limitation which has
16 a dollar amount greater than the dollar amount set in the general law which would apply
17 to elective office in the town.
18   (b)   The ordinance shall apply regardless of the total amount of contributions,
19 loans, or expenditures by the campaigns.
20   (c)   G.S. 163-278.10A does not apply to municipal elections in the Town of Cary.
21   "Section 4.13. Limitation on Contributions. Except as provided by G.S.
22 163-278.13(c), the Town Council may by ordinance limit the amount of contributions
23 which any individual, person, or political committee may contribute to any candidate for
24 town office or to any political committee of that candidate. The ordinance may not set a
25 limitation which has a dollar amount greater than the dollar amount set in the general
26 law which would apply to elective office in the town.
27   "Section 4.14. Definitions. The definitions in Article 22A of Chapter 163 of the
28 General Statutes apply to Sections 4.12 and 4.13 of this Charter."
29   **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.