

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Randi Johl, Director of Legislative Affairs/City Clerk

DATE: January 12, 2021

SUBJECT: Introduce Ordinance Adding Chapter 2.10 to the Temecula Municipal Code Regarding the Filing of Campaign Finance Disclosure Statements

PREPARED BY: Randi Johl, Director of Legislative Affairs/City Clerk

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council introduce an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TEMECULA ADDING CHAPTER 2.10 TO THE TEMECULA
MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ELECTRONIC AND PAPER
METHODS OF FILING CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE
STATEMENTS

BACKGROUND: Assembly Bill 2151 (AB 2151) went into effect on January 1, 2021. The bill requires local agencies to post online, within 72 hours of the filing deadline, redacted copies of certain statements such as semi-annual and election campaign disclosure filings. It also requires these documents to be publicly available for four years from the date of the election associated with the filing. Currently, the City of Temecula utilizes NetFile for its electronic filing of Statements of Economic Interest (Form 700). This system has an existing campaign disclosure filing module which can be activated to meet the requirements of AB 2151 with little effort. Many campaign disclosure filers statewide are experienced system users as it is one of a handful of systems that is permitted by the State. Additional funds are not needed as the cost of the module, \$4,800 annually, is currently included in the departmental budget of the City Clerk's Office. The amendment also falls within the City Manager's contract authority. The cost of implementing AB 2151 manually within the allotted time frame would far exceed this amount. The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) requires the adoption of an ordinance to utilize the State-approved system. It is therefore recommended that the City Council introduce the proposed ordinance. Adoption will occur after the second reading at the January 26, 2021 City Council meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: Any costs associated with the implementation of this ordinance are accounted for in the existing fiscal year departmental budget for the City Clerk's Office.

ATTACHMENTS: Assembly Bill 2151 and Ordinance