

Political Activity Restrictions¹

A City officer or employee who is subject to Charter Section 10-107 may not:

- Be an officer or member of a committee of a political party or body. This includes being a ward leader or committeeman.
- Be an officer or member of a committee of a partisan political club or organization.
- Address, make motions, prepare or assist in preparing resolutions, maintain records or take any other active part in a meeting or convention of a political party or partisan political club. (but may simply attend such meetings as an observer)
- Initiate or circulate public petitions, or canvass for the signatures of others, if such petitions are identified with or call for the nomination or election of any particular candidate to public or party office.
 - However, a person may sign a petition.
- Distribute printed matter, badges or buttons in support of any candidate for public or party office or political party or body.
- Wear on your person or display badges, emblems, signs, posters and the like which are in favor of or against a political party, body or candidate. This includes wearing campaign buttons and displaying a campaign poster on your property or a lawn sign in your yard (unless a co-owner of the property, who is not a City officer/employee wants it there).
 - However, a person may vote.
- Solicit money from any person for the support of any issue, for the support of any political party or body, or for the support of any political purpose that is identified with or calls for the nomination or election of any particular candidate to public or party office.
 - However, a person may make contributions (except for members of the Police Department).
- Arrange, or help to arrange a public meeting, rally, dinner, or social function of a political character.

¹ This is a partial list.

- Sell or distribute tickets for sale for political meetings or dinners.
 - However, a person may buy a ticket to such an event (no “gift” tickets, though).
- Serve at party headquarters or otherwise engage in campaign activities on behalf of a party or candidate in any political campaign or election.
- Write for publication or publish any letter or article, signed or unsigned, in favor of or against any political party, body or candidate for public office.
- Do any of these campaign activities for any candidate for political office anywhere in the United States; it is not limited to Philadelphia or Pennsylvania.
- Do any of these campaign activities so long as they are a City employee/officer, even if on vacation, leave of absence, or weekend or evening time.
- Engage in transportation of voters to the polls on election day on behalf of any candidate or party.
- Act as the accredited watcher of any political party, body or candidate, or engage in any political activity at the polls except the casting of your own vote.
- Be eligible to continue your City position if you shall become a candidate for nomination or for election to any public office.
- Address any rally, dinner or social function of a political character on any subject that is identified with or calls for the nomination or election of any candidate to public or party office.
- Participate in a campaign of a political party for registration of voters in that party.