



Noncampaign Disbursement Categories

Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Noncampaign disbursements recognized in Minnesota Statutes section 10A.01, subdivision 26

- (1) payment for accounting and legal services;
- (2) return of a contribution to the source;
- (3) repayment of a loan made to the principal campaign committee by that committee;
- (4) return of a public subsidy;
- (5) payment for food, beverages, and necessary utensils and supplies, entertainment, and facility rental for a fund-raising event;
- (6) services for a constituent by a member of the legislature or a constitutional officer in the executive branch as provided in section 10A.173, subdivision 1; (Section 10A.173, subdivision 1, provides that the cost of services for a constituent performed from the beginning of the term of office to adjournment sine die of the legislature in the election year for the office held are noncampaign disbursements and that half of the cost of services for a constituent performed from adjournment sine die to 60 days after adjournment sine die are noncampaign disbursements.)
- (7) payment for food and beverages consumed by a candidate or volunteers while they are engaged in campaign activities;
- (8) payment for food or a beverage consumed while attending a reception or meeting directly related to legislative duties;
- (9) payment of expenses incurred by elected or appointed leaders of a legislative caucus in carrying out their leadership responsibilities;
- (10) payment by a principal campaign committee of the candidate's expenses for serving in public office, other than for personal uses;
- (11) costs of child care for the candidate's children when campaigning;
- (12) fees paid to attend a campaign school;
- (13) costs of a postelection party during the election year when a candidate's name will no longer appear on a ballot or the general election is concluded, whichever occurs first;
- (14) interest on loans paid by a principal campaign committee on outstanding loans;
- (15) filing fees;
- (16) post-general election holiday or seasonal cards, thank-you notes, or advertisements in the news media mailed or published prior to the end of the election cycle;
- (17) the cost of campaign material purchased to replace defective campaign material, if the defective material is destroyed without being used;

- (18) contributions to a party unit;
- (19) payments for funeral gifts or memorials;
- (20) the cost of a magnet less than six inches in diameter containing legislator contact information and distributed to constituents;
- (21) costs associated with a candidate attending a political party state or national convention in this state;
- (22) other purchases or payments specified in board rules or advisory opinions as being for any purpose other than to influence the nomination or election of a candidate or to promote or defeat a ballot question;
- (23) costs paid to a third party for processing contributions made by a credit card, debit card, or electronic check;
- (24) a contribution to a fund established to support a candidate's participation in a recount of ballots affecting that candidate's election;
- (25) costs paid by a candidate's principal campaign committee for a single reception given in honor of the candidate's retirement from public office after the filing period for affidavits of candidacy for that office has closed;
- (26) a donation from a terminating principal campaign committee to the state general fund;
- (27) a donation from a terminating principal campaign committee to a county obligated to incur special election expenses due to that candidate's resignation from state office; and
- (28) during a period starting January 1 in the year following a general election and ending on December 31 of the year of general election, total payments of up to \$3,000 for security expenses for a candidate, including home security hardware, maintenance of home security hardware, identity theft monitoring services, and credit monitoring services.

Noncampaign disbursements recognized in Minnesota Rules 4503.0900, subpart 1

- (29) transportation, meals, and lodging paid to attend a campaign school;
- (30) costs of campaigning incurred by a person with a disability, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 363A.03, subdivision 12, and which are made necessary by the disability;
- (31) the cost to an incumbent or a winning candidate of providing services to residents in the district after the general election in an election year for the office held;
- (32) payment of advances of credit in a year after the year in which the advance was reported as an expenditure;
- (33) payment of fines assessed by the board; and
- (34) costs of running a transition office for a winning gubernatorial candidate during the first six months after election.