

## What is the City of Pittsburgh Ethics Hearing Board?

The Ethics Hearing Board promotes integrity in city governance by providing advice and education, investigating complaints, conducting hearings, and ensuring ethical behavior among public officials and employees.

## Our Mission

We aim to preserve the trust placed in the City of Pittsburgh's public servants, promote public confidence in government, protect the integrity of government decision-making, and enhance government efficiency.



Use this QR code to access the City of Pittsburgh Ethics Hearing Board website.

## Resources for Candidates

Explore additional resources to help you run a successful campaign.



Use this QR code to access Allegheny County's Candidate and Municipality Resources



Use this QR code to access the PA Bureau of Election's website



## Running for City Elective Office?

What You Need to Know



A guide to candidate resources provided by the City of Pittsburgh Ethics Hearing Board

## What is City Elective Office?

City of Pittsburgh elective offices include:

- Mayor,
- City Controller, and
- City Council



Use this QR code to access the political committee registration paperwork.

## Set Up a Political Committee

Most candidates accept and spend money through a political committee to manage funds. To set up a committee, you must file two forms with the County:

- Political Committee Registration Statement
- Authorization for a Political Committee to Receive Funds on Behalf of a Candidate



## Announcing Your Candidacy

Once you publicly announce that you are running (or file nominating papers or petitions for City elective office), you are subject to the City's Campaign Finance Regulations (*Chapter 198*). This includes:

- contribution limits
- early reporting requirements
- restrictions on the use of political committees and bank accounts



Use this QR code to access the Ethics Hearing Board's Campaign Finance webpage and roadmap on local filing.

## Support from the Ethics Hearing Board

The City of Pittsburgh Ethics Hearing Board can answer questions on how the ethics rules apply to your campaign.

You can request ethics advice at <https://pittsburghpa.gov/ehb/advice>

## Top 5 Tips

1. Both candidates AND committees file. (Make sure you're using the right forms!)
2. Reports due regardless of campaign finance activity; if none, report \$0.
3. Read instructions, you may need notary.
4. Withdrawn candidates must still file.
5. Multiple agencies are involved - For questions on the content requested in a particular filing, you can find the agency's contact info at the top of each form.



## More Ways to Engage in City Government

If you are unsure about running for City office, there are still plenty of ways to get involved. Consider joining a board, commission, or neighborhood council to make your voice heard and contribute to your community.



Use this QR code to access the City of Pittsburgh's list of Boards, Authorities, and Commissions.