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Item#	Summary of Change
1	Organization statements to be filed by candidates without committees 1.02(2) – requires statements to be filed even where candidate is running without a committee organized
2	Refunds – 1.04(9) – clarifies when refunds may be made following a request from a contributor
3	Revised contribution limits chart – 1.04(12) – revised to reflect certain indexed limits required by c. 55
4	Contributions by peer-to-peer payment apps – 1.09(2) – allows contributions of \$50 or less to be made using peer-to-peer payment applications without contemporaneously obtaining contributor certifications
5	Depository committees – updating schedule for filing credit card reports – 1.09(6) - change needed to reflect 2019 change in law
6	Technical change to 1.11(1) (revises cross reference to include correct part of regulations that relates to CPF ID numbers)
7	Updating 1.11(6) relating to deposit reports – change needed to reflect 2019 change in law
8	Revise 1.16(1) – disclosure required of PACs organized to support or oppose recall of municipal candidates – also, change needed to reflect 2019 change in law
9	Corrects typo in 1.22
10	Additional rules for depository disclosure (candidates moving between legislative and other depository schedules (adding new 1.23) – needed to reflect change in law
11	Technical change – Legal Defense Funds discussion in 1.04(13) can be deleted and subsection reserved for future use. (Legal Defense Funds are dealt with elsewhere – in 1.20.
12	Non-contribution receipts (adding new 1.25) – defines disclosure requirements when committees receive refunds or monetary benefits that are not “contributions” and also addresses when transfers between committees are not “contributions” subject to limits
13	Technical change to 2.02 (correcting cross references to other sections in the regulations)
14	Expenditures for memberships – 2.06(3) – clarifies that an expenditure for membership in a group is permitted if a candidate would not be a member but for the candidate’s interest in membership enhancing the candidate’s political stature
15	Adding payment of candidate salary to list of prohibited expenditures – 2.06
16	Revise 2.14 to include reference to reports required from candidates who do not have committees or any financial activity: D104 and 109
17	Revise 2.09(3) – credit card expenditure reports –needed to reflect change in law
18	Revise 2.09(4)(b) – expenditures by credit card or wire –needed to reflect change in law

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19 (link)	Joint fundraising and joint expenditures (2.11 and 2.12) – to define restrictions applicable for joint fundraising with federal candidates
20 (link)	Failure to file reports (deposit reports) – 2.14(3) – needed to reflect change in law
21 (link)	IE, EC, and BQ disclaimers - 2.20 – clarifies requirements for disclaimers needed, to comply with Section 18G, on internet and electronic ads
22 (link)	Republication video not presumed coordinated and clarification regarding common consultants – 2.21(6)
23 (link)	Interviews and questionnaires do not result in coordination – 2.21(7) – adding guidance regarding when interviews with or distribution of questionnaires to candidates may result in coordination
24 (link)	Coordination by IE PACs with candidates, traditional PACs or party committees - stating that coordination regulations apply to IE PACs – 2.21(9)
25 (link)	Definition of “relevant election” to reflect OCPF interpretation of Section 3 limitation on referral of matters to the Office of the Attorney General (adds new 3.10)
26 (link)	Procedures for conducting remote hearings (codifying OCPF’s Memo issued at the beginning of the pandemic) (new 3.11)
27 (link)	Confidentiality of requests for guidance (stating that written requests for guidance are public records) - 2.04(4)
28 (link)	Expenditures presumed coordinated – technical change to 2.21(7) to fix cross reference
29 (link)	Depository bank defined – 2.02
30 (link)	Barnstable assembly of delegates - New 1.26 – defines where candidates for the assembly file reports
31 (link)	Revise 2.06 to further define travel and furniture expenditures that are considered primarily personal
32 (link)	Disclosure by PACs – 2.17, 2.22, 1.22(8) are reorganized and provide additional guidance regarding disclosure requirements for traditional and independent expenditure PACs
33 (link)	Additional reports required from depository committees and state BQ committees – New 1.17 (needed to reflect change in law)
34 (link)	Transfer of candidate committee from municipal to state level – (filing of transition reports) – 1.12
35 (link)	Transfer of candidate committee from state to municipal level – (filing of transition reports) - 1.13