

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(4)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: October 21, 2008

TITLE: Consideration of Ordinance Limiting Campaign Contributions

DEPARTMENT: Town Attorney	PUBLIC HEARING: YES or NO x
ATTACHMENTS: A. Memo	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Brough, 929-3905

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to provide the Board with an opportunity to discuss whether to direct the attorney to draft an ordinance limiting the amount of money that any individual or committee may contribute to a candidate for Town office.

INFORMATION

In July of this year the General Assembly adopted a local bill authorizing the Town to adopt an ordinance limiting the amount of money that any individual or committee may contribute to a candidate for Town office. At its meeting on September 9, 2008, the Board asked the Town Attorney to provide information regarding this amendment to the Town Charter. The attached memorandum from the Attorney is provided in response to the Board's request.

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen discuss this issue and provide direction to the Town Attorney as to whether to draft an ordinance as authorized by the above described charter amendment.