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Agenda Date	August 4, 2026
Public Hearing Date	August 4, 2026
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District(s) Affected	All Districts
Agenda Item	Discussion and action on a motion from City Council on June 9, 2026, directing the City Manager and City Attorney to develop a policy that will safeguard taxpayers from covering public safety and venue costs when candidates choose to visit the city while on the campaign trail. The policy should include an upfront deposit that will cover the projected cost of the event. It is requested that this policy be brought to the council within 60 days.
Issue Statement	In response to City Council direction on June 9, 2026, this item will provide recommendations on potential Code amendments to address cost recovery for public safety services related to campaign events.
Background	On June 9, 2026, the El Paso City Council voted to “direct the City Manager and City Attorney to develop a policy that will safeguard taxpayers from covering public safety and venue costs when candidates choose to visit the city while on the campaign trail. The policy should include an upfront deposit that will cover the projected cost of the event. It is requested that this policy be brought to the council within 60 days.” This item provides recommendations to amend/add to the El Paso City Code, such as the Special Events section, in response to this Council direction.
Council Options	Approve (Staff recommendation) Deny
Committee Review and/or Recommendation	N/A

Community and Stakeholder Outreach (if applicable, as an attachment) – please include	N/A
Related City Policies	El Paso City Code Title 13 – Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places
Prior Council Action	N/A
The City Attorney's Office has reviewed the documents and signed off on the necessary forms	Yes
Amount and Source of Funding	N/A
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