



STARR COUNTY, TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR

LETICIA P. ALANIZ, COUNTY AUDITOR

# Memorandum

To: Elected County Officials  
From: Leticia P. Alaniz, County Auditor  
Date: 05-22-2023  
RE: Disallowed County Expenditures

This email serves as an advisory of the disallowance of certain County expenditures related to officeholder advertisements, sponsorships, fundraisers, contributions, donations, and personalization of county property.

According to state statutes, local government entities may not utilize County funds towards expenditures that communicate support or opposition towards an elected public officer and/or the public office itself. All of which provides no benefit toward the County. In order to avoid any misrepresentation of political advertising of public officeholders, any purchase order/invoice portraying elements of such will be rejected and returned to the elected official for an alternate method of payment unrelated to County funding.

DISALLOWED COUNTY EXPENDITURES, including, but not limited to the following:

- T-shirts, Buttons, Stickers
- Personalized Items/Supplies
- Holiday Greetings/Public Service Announcements through the following communications:
  - a. That appear on pamphlets, circulars, fliers, billboards, bumper stickers,
  - b. That are printed on newspapers, magazines, periodicals or other similar forms
  - c. That are broadcasted on radio or television in return for consideration

Despite intentions of goodwill and philanthropic gestures, local government entities may not contribute or donate County funds to private or charitable institutions. Funds generated and budgeted by the County are to maintain the operations of the County, and not to sustain any other organization. Any purchase order/invoice submitted for payment will be rejected and returned to the elected official for an alternate method of payment unrelated to County funding.

Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Leticia P. Alaniz  
Starr County Auditor