

WAC 390-05-243 Ministerial functions by persons holding administrative offices. As used in the act and in these rules:

(1) "Ministerial functions" means the activities and duties of an administrative office that satisfy RCW 42.17A.005 and require:

- (a) Data entry for a candidate or political committee;
- (b) Filing reports that have been reviewed and approved for filing by the candidate or political committee officer;
- (c) Maintaining campaign finance and other similar records including making them available for inspection upon direction by the candidate or political committee officer;
- (d) Writing and depositing checks at the direction of the candidate or political committee officer;
- (e) Communications related to ministerial functions (to respond to questions about data entry, to discuss or review a candidate or committee's bank account balance, to schedule times to receive contribution checks at events, to review reports with the candidate or committee prior to filing, and similar communications) but do not involve attending strategy or campaign planning meetings or portions of meetings with candidates or political committee officers or their agents; or
- (f) Other similar campaign finance activities and duties.

(2) "Administrative office" means a person performing campaign finance related clerical support or recordkeeping activities on behalf of candidates and political committees, when, for the purposes of RCW 42.17A.005, those activities:

- (a) Are directed by the candidate or political committee officer and require performance of activities by the administrative office in a prescribed manner;
- (b) Are approved by the candidate or political committee officer for whom the services are performed;
- (c) Do not involve the exercise of personal judgment or discretion, including authorizing expenditures;
- (d) Do not involve the disclosure, except as required by law, of any information regarding a candidate or committee's plans, projects, activities or needs, or regarding a candidate's or committee's contributions or expenditures that is not already publicly available, or otherwise engage in activity that is a contribution; and
- (e) Do not involve the performance of functions other than ministerial functions.

(3) A person performing only ministerial functions on behalf of two or more candidates or political committees is not:

- (a) Considered an agent so long as they have no authority to authorize expenditures or make decisions on behalf of the candidate or committee; or
- (b) An officer pursuant to WAC 390-05-245. However, that person's name, address and title must be reported on the C-1 or C-1pc registration form.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1) and 2018 c 304. WSR 18-24-074, § 390-05-243, filed 11/30/18, effective 12/31/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110. WSR 12-03-002, § 390-05-243, filed 1/4/12, effective 2/4/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.370(1). WSR 08-01-069, § 390-05-243, filed 12/14/07, effective 1/14/08.]