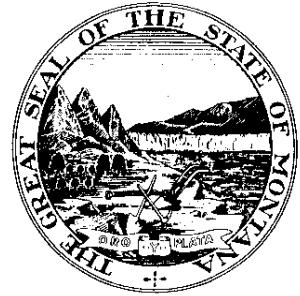


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# **INSTRUCTIONS** (Revised 10/19)

## **FORM C-3**

### **CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES**

#### **WHO MAY FILE FORM C-3?**

Any candidate who desires to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices may file a Form C-3. Signing the form is voluntary, and a failure or refusal to sign is not a violation of the election laws.

#### **WHERE CAN A FORM C-3 BE FILED?**

The Form C-3 is to be filed electronically with the Commissioner of Political Practices via the Campaign Electronic Reporting System (CERS).

*Please detach these instructions before filing Form C-3*

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**Sample. All C-3 forms must be filed online via CERS.**

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Date Received and Postmark Date

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**CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES**  
TO BE FILED by ANY CANDIDATE WHO DESIRES TO SUBSCRIBE  
TO THE CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

*There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate for public office in the United States has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues before the country. Therefore:*

I will conduct my campaign in the best American tradition, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing without fear or favor the record and policies of my opponent and his party which merit such criticism.

I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal protection in the electoral process.

I will conduct my campaign without the use of personal vilification, character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on my opposition or his personal or family life.

I will not use campaign material of any sort which misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations which aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the loyalty and patriotism of my opposition.

I will not make any appeal to prejudice based on race, sex, creed, or national origin.

I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice which tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections or which hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters.

Insofar as is possible, I will immediately and publicly repudiate support deriving from any individual or group which resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of my opponent, to the methods and tactics that I have pledged not to use or condone.

(Montana Code Annotated § 13-35-301)

**CERTIFICATION**

I acknowledge having read this code. I understand its provisions. I fully intend to abide by this code during the course of my campaign.

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Candidate's Name (Type or Print Clearly)

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Signature

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Office Sought (Type or Print Clearly)

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Date