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Many thanks for this! Sorry I didn't respond yesterday, very busy with life/work.

I did catch a typo in the last sentence:

Campaigners who use public comment for campaign advertising should be served a 100% suspension amount for a first-time offense with a reminder letter provided no further violations of campaign finance law for one calendar year from the date of the letter.

Should read:

Campaigners who use public comment for campaign advertising should be served a 100% *suspended fine* for a first-time offense with a reminder letter provided no further violations of campaign finance law for one calendar year from the date of the letter.

Thanks.

I should also stress that the intent of this new rule is to cease future campaigning during public comment periods plus give a clear requirement for public agency meeting chairs to end a campaigner's speech instead of just admonishing. I've found that allowing the speech to continue with an admonishment can be insufficient and allows the campaigning to continue. Hence the need for clear instructions in WAC.

I also realize having lived thru the experience that *things happen* during public comment, hence the requests for leniency on the first time.

Thoughtfully;

JOE