

## Federal Election Commission

## § 9008.54

(v) To provide the national committee use of an auditorium or convention center and to provide construction and convention related services for that location such as: construction of podiums; press tables; false floors, camera platforms; additional seating; lighting, electrical, air conditioning and loudspeaker systems; offices; office equipment; and decorations;

(vi) To defray the costs of various local transportation services, including the provision of buses and automobiles;

(vii) To defray the costs of law enforcement services necessary to assure orderly conventions;

(viii) To defray the cost of using convention bureau personnel to provide central housing and reservation services;

(ix) To provide hotel rooms at no charge or a reduced rate on the basis of the number of rooms actually booked for the convention;

(x) To provide accommodations and hospitality for committees of the parties responsible for choosing the sites of the conventions; and

(xi) To provide other similar convention-related facilities and services.

(2) For purposes of this section, any business (including a branch of a national or regional chain, a franchise, or a licensed dealer) or labor organization or other organization with offices or facilities located within the Metropolitan Area (MA) of the convention city shall be considered local. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that any such entity located outside the MA is not local. This presumption may be rebutted by a showing that the volume of business or activity in an area lying outside the MA would be directly affected by the presence of the convention.

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### § 9008.53 Receipts and disbursements of government agencies and municipal corporations.

(a) *Receipt of goods and services provided by commercial vendors.* Government agencies and municipal corporations may accept goods or services from commercial vendors for convention uses under the same terms and conditions (except reporting require-

ments) set forth at 11 CFR 9008.9 for convention committees.

(b) *Receipt of donations to a separate fund or account.* (1) Local businesses (including banks), local labor organizations, and other local organizations or individuals who maintain a local residence or who work for a local business, local labor organization, or local organization may donate funds or make in-kind donations to a separate fund or account of a government agency or municipality to pay for expenses listed in 11 CFR 9008.52(c), provided that:

(i) The fund or account is not restricted to use in connection with any particular convention; and

(ii) Donations to the fund or account are unrestricted and are not solicited or designated for use in connection with any particular convention, event or activity.

(2) For purposes of this section, any business (including a branch of a national or regional chain, a franchise, or a licensed dealer) or labor organization or other organization with offices or facilities located within the Metropolitan Area (MA) of the convention city shall be considered local. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that any such entity located outside the MA is not local. This presumption may be rebutted by a showing that the volume of business of activity in an area lying outside the MA would be directly affected by the presence of the convention.

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### § 9008.54 Examinations and audits.

The Commission shall conduct an examination and audit of each host committee registered under 11 CFR 9008.51. The Commission will follow the same procedures during the audit, and will afford the committee the same right to respond, as are provided for audits of publicly funded candidates under 11 CFR 9007.1 and 9038.1, except that the Commission will not make any repayment calculations under this section.

## PARTS 9009-9011 [RESERVED]