



Publication of Information in the Public Interest Related to Complaint C-26-22

Ethic Rule 6.9 Confidentiality of Complaint or Investigation.

"Unless the Commission determines that a complaint or a formal investigation should be made public, all complaints and formal investigations, including documents and discussions in executive session, shall remain confidential and shall not be disclosed[.] ... The Commission may make a complaint or formal investigation and any documents relating thereto public at any time it deems release of that information to be in the public interest."

At the September 10, 2026, Ethics Commission Meeting, the Commission determined that the following information relative to Complaint C-26-22 was necessary for the purpose of public transparency and education:

The Oklahoma Ethics Commission is issuing this public statement to address and educate on the required disclosures for campaign advertisements. The Oklahoma Ethics Rules require disclosures to be of **sufficient size** and **contrast** to be **clearly readable** by the intended recipient. During this most recent 2026 campaign cycle, certain campaign advertisements have failed to meet the sufficient size and contrast requirement - with some campaigns failing to include a disclosure at all. See [Ethics Rules 2.53-2.58](#) for the specific disclosure rules applicable to different Committees and Independent Expenditures, Electioneering Communications, and State Question Communications.

Advertisements with text that are too small, tightly spaced, or against a non-contrasting background do not meet the threshold required by the Ethics Rules. See below for relevant examples with the corresponding **X** for items not meeting the requirements and **✓** for items meeting the requirements:



Examples taken from television advertisements at the same scale

The Commission emphasizes that appropriate disclosure is required by law and applies these standards consistently, regardless of how potential conduct comes to its attention. During this active election season, the Commission will continue to promote compliance through education and guidance and always encourages candidates, campaigns, officeholders, and others subject to the rules to seek guidance when questions arise.