



TOWN MEETING
September 11, 2025
7:30 PM

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Consent Agenda***
 - **Approval of Minutes:** (Town Meeting – 8/14/25)
5. **Resident Input** – Public comment period for agenda items and other topics. All comments are limited to 3 minutes. Residents are asked to please state their name and ward. There will not be any additional time for resident input.
6. **County Council Member Shayla Adams-Stafford** - District Five County Council Member Shayla Adams-Stafford will attend the meeting to provide an update.
7. **Hospital Hill Discussion** – Home Team 5 and Urban Atlantic will discuss the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision for Cheverly Hill.
8. **Planning Board Appointment*** – Mayor Watson will recommend Brian Barnett Woods for appointment to the Planning Board.
9. **Committee Reports**
 - Recreation Council
 - Cheverly Day Committee
 - Planning Board
 - Board of Elections
 - Ethics Commission
 - Hometown Heroes
10. **Closed Meeting Summary** – Mayor Watson will read the fair summary of the August 11, 2025, August 20, 2025, and September 4, 2025, closed meetings.
11. **Hispanic Heritage Proclamation** – Reading of the Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month proclamation.
12. **Ethics Ordinance*** – Third reading and adoption of Ordinance O-25-04 to re-enact the Code of Ethics.
13. **Town Administrator Report** – Town Administrator Galloway will provide the Mayor and Council with a report on Town operations and a summary of actions taken.
14. **Police Report** – Chief Morris will give a monthly report.
15. **Public Works Report** – Director Brayman will give an update on the Department of Public Works.



16. **Review the September work session agenda and future requests, and Town Administrator Galloway will offer a forecast of the agenda.** The mayor will seek Council input on agenda items for consideration for future meetings.
17. **Mayor and Council Announcements** – Opportunity for Mayor and Council to share community happenings and events. The mayor will afford each elected official up to three minutes to speak. Unused time may not be transferred, and formal council business will not be conducted.
18. **Adjourn**

(denotes an agenda item requiring action (typically expressed by a vote) of Mayor and Council.*

At Town Meetings, resident input is only permitted during the agenda item titled “Resident Input” unless otherwise noted.

*Resident input will be welcomed on any **items underlined on the agenda** during the meeting.*

Residents are also encouraged to submit input to the town clerk at townclerk@cheverly-md.gov to be read at the meeting.

Please Note: Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305, the Council by majority vote may retire to executive or closed session at any time during the meeting. Should the Council retire to executive or closed session, the mayor will announce the reasons, and a report will be issued at a future meeting disclosing the reasons for such session.

Topic: Cheverly Town Meeting

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**TOWN MEETING
August 14, 2025
8:00 PM**

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm

In attendance: Mayor Watson, Vice Mayor Bryner, Council Members Wade, LeGloahec, Tansey, Garces, Fry

Staff: Town Administrator Dylan Galloway, Deputy Town Administrator Farana Abdul, Public Works Director Steve Brayman, Chief David Morris, Deputy Chief Jennifer Krauss, Town Clerk Giselle Richards

Town Attorneys: Jason DeLoach

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve the agenda made by CM Bryner. 2nd by CM Tansey. Approved unanimously

Consent Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes:** (Town Meeting – 7/10/25, Work Session – 7/24/25, Special Meeting 7/31/25)

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by CM Wade. 2nd by CM Bryner. Approved unanimously.

Resident Input -

Paul Jochum (Ward 2) – Thank the Mayor, Council, Public Works and staff for their support in commemorating his father's 100th birthday. Expressed gratitude for the placement of a plaque at Town Park and for the proclamation issued. Recognized staff members including Luis Cardenas, John Stanford, Tolbert Feathers, Yvonne White and Ahjah Prom for their exemplary service.

Joyce Lang (Ward 6) - The Woman's Club has purchased two books by local poet Mattie Stepanek for community use. Stepanek was a Montgomery County resident who passed away at the age of 13. He wrote extensively about peace through poetry. Two copies of the book, Reflections of a Peacemaker: A Portrait Through Heart Songs will be available to loan to residents similar to a lending library.

Sheila Salo (Ward 2) – The Green Infrastructure Committee encourages residents to consider native plantings that provide both beauty and environmental benefits such as reducing runoff, improving air

quality and supporting wildlife. Resources are available in the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Plan at www.greencheverly.org. Examples of local native plantings can be seen at Magruder Spring, Woodworth Trail and throughout town. The committee also reported on its August 4th joint meeting with the Planning Board which included a presentation from the Go Prince George's team on the county's new transportation master plan. The presentation is posted online, and the committee will host a table on Cheverly Day.

Committee Reports

- **Recreation Council** – Committee meetings will resume this fall.
- **Cheverly Day Committee** – Planning is still underway; this year's T-shirt design themed the many parks of Cheverly will feature a town map with park locations and will be finalized soon. The deadline to reserve tables is mid-September with \$100 fee per table. Sponsorship deadlines are being confirmed. Cheverly will take place on Saturday, October 4, 2025
- **Planning Board** – CM Tansey - A brief meeting was held prior to the presentation from the Go Prince George's team. The Planning Board is finalizing a list of questions for the Hospital Hill/Cheverly Hill development team and will share them with the council once received.

Board of Elections – No Report

Ethics Commission – No Report

Closed Meeting Summary – Mayor Watson read the fair summary of the July 31, 2025, closed session meeting.

Resolution R-5-25* – Mayor Watson read the resolution appointing an election supervisor for the 2025-2027 term.

Motion to approve resolution R-5-25 appointing Christina Bruff as an election supervisor made by CM LeGloahec 2nd by CM Tansey. Approved Unanimously

Ethics Ordinance – Mayor Watson conducted the second reading of Ordinance O-25-04 to re-enact the Code of Ethics.

Town Administrator Report – Town Administrator Galloway provided the Mayor and Council with a report on Town operations and a summary of actions taken.

- Hospital Hill - The town met with the developer regarding the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision, currently under stormwater review. Comments are expected next week; once resolved, the 30-day review will begin. A public meeting is tentatively planned for late October. The plan includes an updated traffic study, and the developer aims to obtain a rough grading permit soon. Discussions continue with the County on reusing the County Health Building. Security measures are being explored with the Redevelopment Authority, and new renderings will follow. Council members may tour the site.

- Red Cross – Sound the Alarm Event - On September 13, the Red Cross will canvass Tuxedo and parts of Ward 2 to provide fire safety education, inspect alarms, and install new ones. Volunteers may contact harriti.shah@redcross.org. The Judith P. Hoyer Childhood Learning Center may serve as the event’s staging site.
- Bridgett Mock, the town’s accounting firm, has merged with another. Services will remain unaffected. FY25 is being closed as remaining revenues are received and allocated.
- Cheverly Bump Outs - Met with Public Works on bump-out maintenance. Working with Tolbert on a resolution to address overgrowth.
- Fraud and Scam Prevention Event on August 12 was successful, with valuable presentations from the State’s Attorney on current fraud schemes. Thanks to the Cheverly Discussion Group, Mayor Watson, and staff for their support and contributions.
- Noise at Town Parks - Excessive noise violations can be reported to the Police Department. For urgent issues after hours, call 911.
- Mayor and Council Retreat - Possible dates for the annual retreat are September 27, October 11, or October 18; confirmation is pending.
- Town Administrator Out of Office - Chief Morris will serve as Acting Town Administrator from tomorrow through Monday morning. Direct any issues or concerns to him during this period.
- Upcoming Events
 - Wednesday, August 20 at 2pm: 55 & Up Sip n' Paint with Mocktails
 - Friday, August 22 at 7pm: Music in the Park featuring Terri & the Back Alley Rhythm Cats
 - Monday, September 1: Labor Day - All Town Administrative Offices Closed
 - Saturday, September 6 at 8:00pm: Cheverly Prom "Time Travelers' Ball"
 - Wednesday, September 10 at 9:00am: Red Cross Blood Drive
 - Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00pm: Education RoundTable with School Board Member Aimee Olivo

Police Report – Chief Morris and Deputy Chief Krauss provided a monthly report.

- Administrative Services –
 - Criminal History Record Information (CHRI): On July 29, CPD successfully completed a CJIS audit, confirming full compliance with federal and state regulations. Special thanks to Corporal Sollar and Deputy Chief Krauss for their leadership.
 - Cheverly Police Dept (CPD) has received approximately 21 applications for sworn positions, currently under background review.
 - The Deputy Chief is establishing a 501(c)(3) to support community fundraising efforts.
 - Sgt. Blount confirmed for Session 296, running September 29–December 11, 2025, earning 18 University of Virginia credits.
 - Chief Morris and D/C Krauss invited to August 23–27, 2025, conference in Pittsburgh, PA; all costs covered by Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO).

- Chief Morris, D/C Krauss, and staff will attend September 7–10, 2025, seminar; Lt. Gleason attending Aspiring Leaders Program.
- Patrol Services –
 - All CPD staff recently participated in Active Shooter Response and emergency response drills to enhance officer safety, skills, and collaboration.
 - Traffic enforcement over the past 30 days has resulted in several handgun, drug, and warrant arrests.
 - Residents are encouraged to report crimes, suspicious activity, traffic hazards, medical emergencies, noise complaints, and disturbances by calling 911.
- Community Engagement -
 - Community Police Academy: CPD is developing a 10-week program to educate residents on police operations, internal investigations, tactical training, and community engagement.
 - Cheverly Day: CPD participates fully in this community event.
 - Halloween Event: Haunted Police Station planned for October 30–31, with additional activities for all ages; details forthcoming.
 - National Night Out: CPD hosted its 3rd annual NNO on August 5, with games, music, and food. Appreciation extended to residents, Mayor and Council, and Town staff, especially Public Works.

Public Works Report – Director Steve Brayman provided a report.

- 62nd Place Sidewalk - Discussions with MDOT regarding work in their ROW are ongoing. The State is reviewing use of the County’s agreement to allow work without a formal permit. An expedited authorization request has been submitted, and Public Works will update the community once approval is granted to begin work on the retaining wall.
- Eley Building – Washington Gas has begun laying the gas line which is a part of the critical last steps. Keller indicates that final inspections still need to be completed after the gas line is installed. Unfortunately, the final date of completion for requesting Use and Occupancy Permit (U&O) cannot be identified, and the Keller Team continues to state that the goal is to have the U&O in August.
- WSSC Task Order 201 Update - WSSC plans to dig up and properly backfill all trenches under Task Order 201. A schedule will be presented during the September 19, 2025, tour with the General Manager. They are also proposing solutions for about 10 “green” areas showing sinking. Approximately 47 trenches remain to be addressed, and a detailed review meeting with WSSC has been requested.

Review of September town meeting agenda and future requests

- 3rd reader & adoption Ordinance O-25-04 to re-enact the Code of Ethics.
- Hospital Hill Discussion
- County Council Member Shayla Adams-Stafford
- Hispanic Heritage Proclamation
- Public Hearing for Installation of Speeding Deterrents at 63rd Place on 9/11 at 6:30pm

- Kilmer path update
- GIC discussion – Sept Work session
- Financial update –
- Audit Update - Oct

Mayor and Council Announcements –

CM Wade – We had a successful 3rd Annual Ward 1 Community Day, which served about 300 families and included over 50 participating organizations. Upcoming events include the Cheverly Prom on September 6, the CAACO Back-to-School Community Day on September 13, and the Ward 1 & 2 Block Party on September 14. Best wishes were extended for a safe and successful school year and a happy Labor Day.

CM LeGloahec – Echoed thanks to CM Wade for the successful Community Day and noted the upcoming joint Ward 1 & 2 Community Day on September 14. Additional reminders included the Cheverly Prom on September 6 and the St. Ambrose Men’s Club annual golf tournament on September 26, which includes golf, dinner, and evening activities. Participation is \$100, with \$125 sponsorship opportunities available.

VM Bryner – Shared concern about current world events and encouraged kindness, care for one another, and safety.

CM Tansey – Mentioned the ribbon-cutting at Boyd Park, noting strong attendance and encouraging residents to visit the new park in the Old Fourth Ward.

CM Garces – n/a

CM Fry – Thanked the Fourth Ward Civic Association, Public Works staff, and a local Girl Scout troop for community projects, recognized Gwangbokjeol (National Liberation Day of Korea), and emphasized supporting one another during current events.

Mayor Watson – Reminded residents of parking restrictions for the August 16 Market (8 a.m.–12 p.m.) at Town Hall. Mayor’s Hours will be held via Zoom only, with ASL interpretation, from 9:30–11 a.m. on the same day. Beginning September 11, regular meetings and work sessions will start at 7:30 p.m. A closed meeting was scheduled for August 20 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal advice.

Motion to adjourn made by CM Bryner. 2nd by CM Tansey. Approved Unanimously.

Closed Session Summary – August 11, 2025

On August 11, 2025, the Mayor and Council voted unanimously to convene a closed session pursuant to Maryland Code, § 3-101 et seq., of the General Provisions Article (Open Meetings Act). The closed session was convened at the conclusion of a Special Meeting at 7:30 p.m. by motion made by VM Bryner and seconded by CM La Gloahec. Vote was unanimous by the councilmembers present to hold a closed session:

“To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals”; § 3-305(b)(1).

“To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice;” § 3-305(b)(7).

The closed session was convened at 8: p.m. Those present were the entire Mayor and Council, Dylan Galloway (partial), Chief Davis Morris (partial), Deputy Chief Krauss (partial) and Jason DeLoach, Esq.

During the closed session, the Mayor and Council were briefed by Attorney DeLoach about an investigation he conducted of allegations made by an employee. The Chief and Deputy Chief reported on their involvement with the investigation. Mr. Galloway briefed the Mayor and Council on his position on the issues raised in the complaint.

Attorney DeLoach provided advice on how to proceed based on the outcome of the investigation.

A motion to adjourn the closed meeting was made by VM Bryner, seconded by CM Fry. The motion passed unanimously. The closed session ended at 9:57 pm.

Closed Session Summary – August 20, 2025

On August 20, 2025, the Mayor and Council voted unanimously to convene a closed session pursuant to Maryland Code, § 3-101 et seq., of the General Provisions Article (Open Meetings Act). The closed session was convened at the conclusion of a Special Meeting at 7:34 p.m. by motion made by VM Bryner and seconded by CM La Gloahec. Vote was unanimous by the councilmembers present to hold a closed session:

“To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals”; § 3-305(b)(1);

“To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice;” § 3-305(b)(7).

The closed session was convened at 7:46 p.m. Those present were the entire Mayor and Council, Dylan Galloway (portion) and Jason DeLoach.

During the closed session, the Mayor and Council discussed recent events surrounding a specific employee and potential discipline. Mr. Galloway reported on the events involving the employee. Attorney DeLoach provided legal advice on options available to the Mayor and Council. After discussion, the Mayor and Council voted to take disciplinary action against the employee. No other matters were discussed, and no other actions were taken.

A motion to adjourn the closed meeting was made by VM Bryner, seconded by CM Tansey. The motion passed unanimously. The closed session ended at 8:50 pm.

Closed Session Summary – September 4, 2025

On September 4, 2025, the Mayor and Council voted unanimously to convene a closed session pursuant to Maryland Code, § 3-101 et seq., of the General Provisions Article (Open Meetings Act). The closed session was convened at the conclusion of a Special Meeting at 7:06 p.m. by motion made by VM Bryner and seconded by CM LeGloahec. Vote was unanimous to hold a closed session:

“To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals”; § 3-305(b)(1)

“To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice;” § 3-305(b)(7)

Those present were the Mayor and Council, excluding CM Fry (excused), VM (partial) Dylan Galloway, Jason DeLoach, Esq. (partial), Todd Pounds, Esq (partial) Chief Morris (partial) and Deputy Chief Morris (partial).

During the closed meeting, the Mayor and Council received a report from the Town Administrator addressing certain employment and personnel-related legal issues raised to the Mayor and Council by a specific individual. Mr. Galloway addressed each issue raised along with questions by the Mayor and Council. Mayor and Vice Mayor reported out on a personnel meeting. Attorney DeLoach addressed legal questions from the Mayor and Council and advised legal advice on the issues.

Chief Morris and Deputy Chief Krauss reported on a personnel matter regarding a specific employee in the Police Department and provided how he will proceed on the matter.

Todd Pounds provided an update on ongoing litigation regarding annexation, and the timelines associated therewith.

No actions were taken during the closed session.

A motion to adjourn the closed meeting was made by VM Bryner and seconded by CM Tansey. The motion passed unanimously. The closed session ended at 8:50 p.m.

PROCLAMATION
HISPANIC AND LATINO HERITAGE MONTH
MES DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA Y LATINA
September 15, 2025, to October 15, 2025

Recognizing Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month in Cheverly and celebrating the heritage and culture of Hispanics and Latinos, and the immense contributions the Hispanic and Latino Communities have made to enrich the Town of Cheverly.

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is an official celebration of American citizens whose ancestry can be traced back to Spain, Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean, a recognition that started as a week-long celebration in 1968 by the federal government and is now celebrated across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the start of the heritage month, September 15th, is significant as several Latin American countries celebrate their independence from Spain on this day, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile also celebrate their independence on September 16th and 18th, respectively; and

WHEREAS, twenty years later, the celebration was expanded to dedicate a full month recognizing the generations of Hispanic and Latino American men and women who have positively influenced and enriched our society; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month uplifts a cultural legacy that shares values deeply rooted in rich traditions that harbor a deep commitment to family and community, an enduring work ethic, and perseverance to succeed and contribute to society; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Hispanic Heritage Month is to create awareness of the contributions of people of Hispanic and Latino Heritage to American culture. Many people of Hispanic and Latino Heritage serve as civil rights leaders, community organizers, politicians, teachers, journalists, first responders, artists, healthcare professionals, athletes, inventors, entertainers, and more; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the national theme, “Collective Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future,” we encourage everyone to celebrate the deep cultural traditions and historical achievements of Hispanic and Latine communities while looking forward to future innovations and contributions; and

WHEREAS, as of 2023, the Hispanic and Latino American workforce has increased to 31.8 million in the United States, and the labor force participation rate of 67 percent is among the highest of any race or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Americans are integrated and dedicated members in all levels of government, including the Supreme Court, Congress, the House of Representatives, state legislatures, county councils, and local elected officials; and

WHEREAS, members of the Hispanic and Latino American Communities have contributed to the Town of Cheverly through diversity and active participation as elected officials, town staff, volunteers, and board members; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Americans are currently being unjustly targeted under the false pretense of immigration enforcement, a campaign that inflicts harm, divides families, and fuels fear in communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the disproportionate targeting of Hispanic and Latino Americans makes it imperative that we observe Hispanic Heritage Month not only as a celebration, but as a call to action – to uplift voices, defend rights, and strengthen solidarity in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Cheverly Town Council does hereby proclaim September 15, 2025, through October 15, 2025, as Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month in the Town of Cheverly. We encourage the community to celebrate our collective progress shared with the Hispanic and Latino communities, learn from the strength that derives from their diversity, and honor a shared spirit of self-determination, dignity, and respect for cultural heritage.

Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025

Attest: _____

Micah Watson
Mayor

Christopher R. Wade
Councilmember

David Tansey
Councilmember

John LeGloahec
Councilmember

Charly Garces
Councilmember

Nicole Bryner
Councilmember

Amy Jean Chung Fry
Councilmember

ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CHEVERLY TO REPEAL IN ITS ENTIRETY AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 3, “CODE OF ETHICS” OF THE TOWN CODE

WHEREAS, §§ 5-801, *et seq.* of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland requires municipal corporations to enact ethics laws and requires that the State Ethics Commission approve all municipal ethics ordinances; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council of the Town of Cheverly desires to maintain the highest trust in their public officials and employees; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council deem it necessary and in the public interest to repeal the current Code of Ethics and re-enact new ethics laws by adopting model provisions contained in the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) to reflect what is currently required under Maryland law.

Section 1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that Chapter 3 “Code of Ethics” of the Town Code is hereby repealed in its entirety, and re-enacted as follows:

CHAPTER 3 CODE OF ETHICS

Sec. 3-1. Short title.

This chapter may be cited as the Town of Cheverly Public Ethics Code.

Sec. 3-2. Applicability and Definitions.

(a) The provisions of this chapter apply to all Town elected officials, employees, and appointees to boards and commissions of the Town.

(b) “Designated second home” means:

(1) If an individual owns one second home, the individual's second home; or

(2) If an individual owns more than one second home, any one second home the individual identifies to the Commission as the individual's designated second home.

(c) “Home address” means the address of an individual's:

(1) Principal home; and

(2) Designated second home, if any.

(d) “Principal home” means the sole residential property that an individual occupies as the individual's primary residence, whether owned or rented by the individual.

(e) “Quasi-governmental entity” means an entity that is created by state statute, that performs a public function, and that is supported in whole or in part by the state but is managed privately.

(f) “Second home” means a residential property that:

(1) An individual occupies for some portion of the filing year; and

(2) Is not a rental property or a time share.

Sec. 3-3. - Ethics Commission.

(a) There is a Town of Cheverly Ethics Commission that consists of no more than seven (7) members, one (1) nominated from each ward by that ward’s councilmember and approved by the mayor and council and one (1) nominated at-large by the mayor and approved by the mayor and council. The members of the ethics commission shall ordinarily be appointed at the June regular meeting with their tenure beginning on July 1. The tenure of each member shall be three (3) years (or until a successor is appointed, whichever is longer). The advisor to the commission shall assist the commission in fulfilling its duties and powers and shall act on behalf of the commission if it is unable to do so for any reason.

(b) The Commission shall:

(1) Devise, receive, and maintain all forms required by this chapter;

(2) Develop procedures and policies for advisory opinion requests and provide published advisory opinions to persons subject to this chapter regarding the applicability of the provisions of this chapter to them;

(3) Develop procedures and policies for the processing of complaints to make appropriate determinations regarding complaints filed by any person alleging violations of this chapter; and

(4) Develop and issue regulations, including, but not limited to, procedures written statements of complaints, investigations, notice to complainants and respondents, opportunity to cure, dismissal of complaints, preliminary and adjudicatory hearings, the issuance of subpoenas by the commission for witnesses and evidence, and final written orders. Such regulations shall be modeled whenever practical on any state ethics laws or regulations and must be approved by the mayor and town council.

(5) If, after a hearing, the commission determines that a violation has occurred, the commission shall issue an order which may include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

(i) Direction to the respondent to cease and desist from the violation;

- (ii) A written reprimand; or
 - (iii) Recommendation to the mayor and town council or appropriate authority any discipline of the respondent, including censure or removal, if that discipline is authorized by law.
 - (iv) The commission shall submit to the mayor and town council, the complainant and the respondent a written copy of any order issued if a violation is found.
- (6) Conduct a public information program regarding the purposes and application of this chapter.
- (c) The Town Attorney shall advise the Commission.
 - (d) The Commission shall certify to the State Ethics Commission on or before October 1 of each year that the Town is in compliance with the requirements of General Provisions Article, Title 5, Subtitle 8, Annotated Code of Maryland, for elected local officials.
 - (e) The Commission shall determine if changes to this chapter are required to be in compliance with the requirements of General Provisions Article, Title 5, Subtitle 8, Annotated Code of Maryland, and shall forward any recommended changes and amendments to the Town Council for enactment.
 - (f) The Commission may adopt other policies and procedures to assist in the implementation of the Commission's programs established in this chapter.

Sec. 3-4. - Conflicts of interest.

- (a) In this section, “qualified relative” means a spouse, parent, child, or sibling.
- (b) All Town elected officials, officials appointed to Town boards and commissions subject to this chapter, and employees are subject to this section.
- (c) Participation prohibitions. Except as permitted by Commission regulation or opinion, an official or employee may not participate in:
 - (1) Except as permitted by Commission regulation or opinion, an official or employee may not participate in:
 - (i) Except in the exercise of an administrative or ministerial duty that does not affect the disposition or decision of the matter, any matter in which, to the knowledge of the official or employee, the official or employee, or a qualified relative of the official or employee has an interest;

(ii) Except in the exercise of an administrative or ministerial duty that does not affect the disposition or decision with respect to the matter, any matter in which any of the following is a party:

(A) A business entity in which the official or employee has a direct financial interest of which the official or employee may reasonably be expected to know;

(B) A business entity for which the official, employee, or a qualified relative of the official or employee is an officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee;

(C) A business entity with which the official or employee or, to the knowledge of the official or employee, a qualified relative is negotiating employment or has any arrangement concerning prospective employment;

(D) If the contract reasonably could be expected to result in a conflict between the private interests of the official or employee and the official duties of the official or employee, a business entity that is a party to an existing contract with the official or employee, or which, to the knowledge of the official or employee, is a party to a contract with a qualified relative;

(E) An entity, doing business with the Town, in which a direct financial interest is owned by another entity in which the official or employee has a direct financial interest, if the official or employee may be reasonably expected to know of both direct financial interests; or

(F) A business entity that:

1. The official or employee knows is a creditor or obligee of the official or employee or a qualified relative of the official or employee with respect to a thing of economic value; and

2. As a creditor or obligee, is in a position to directly and substantially affect the interest of the official or employee or a qualified relative of the official or employee.

(2) A person who is disqualified from participating under paragraphs (1)(i) or (ii) of this subsection shall disclose the nature and circumstances of the conflict and may participate or act if:

(i) The disqualification leaves a body with less than a quorum capable of acting;

(ii) The disqualified official or employee is required by law to act; or

(iii) The disqualified official or employee is the only person authorized to act.

(3) The prohibitions of paragraph (1)(i) or (ii) of this subsection do not apply if participation is allowed by regulation or opinion of the Commission.

(4) A FORMER REGULATED LOBBYIST WHO IS OR BECOMES SUBJECT TO THIS CHAPTER AS AN EMPLOYEE OR OFFICIAL, OTHER THAN AN ELECTED OFFICIAL

OR AN APPOINTED OFFICIAL, MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN A CASE, CONTRACT, OR OTHER SPECIFIC MATTER AS AN EMPLOYEE OR OFFICIAL, OTHER THAN AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL, FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR AFTER THE TERMINATION OF THE REGISTRATION OF THE FORMER REGULATED LOBBYIST IF THE FORMER REGULATED LOBBYIST PREVIOUSLY ASSISTED OR REPRESENTED ANOTHER PARTY FOR COMPENSATION IN THE MATTER.

(d) Employment and financial interest restrictions.

(1) Except as permitted by regulation of the Commission when the interest is disclosed or when the employment does not create a conflict of interest or appearance of conflict, an official or employee may not:

(i) Be employed by or have a financial interest in any entity:

(A) Subject to the authority of the official or employee or the Town agency, board, commission with which the official or employee is affiliated; or

(B) That is negotiating or has entered a contract with the agency, board, or commission with which the official or employee is affiliated; or

(ii) Hold any other employment relationship that would impair the impartiality or independence of judgment of the official or employee.

(2) This prohibition does not apply to:

(i) An official or employee who is appointed to a regulatory or licensing authority pursuant to a statutory requirement that persons subject to the jurisdiction of the authority be represented in appointments to the authority;

(ii) Subject to other provisions of law, a member of a board or commission in regard to a financial interest or employment held at the time of appointment, provided the financial interest or employment is publicly disclosed to the appointing authority and the Commission;

(iii) An official or employee whose duties are ministerial, if the private employment or financial interest does not create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest, as permitted by and in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission; or

(iv) Employment or financial interests allowed by regulation of the Commission if the employment does not create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest or the financial interest is disclosed.

(e) Post-employment limitations and restrictions.

(1) A former official or employee may not assist or represent any party other than the Town for compensation in a case, contract, or other specific matter involving the Town if that matter is one in which the former official or employee significantly participated as an official or employee.

(2) A former elected official may not assist or represent another party for compensation in a matter that is the subject of legislative action for one calendar year after the elected official leaves office.

(f) Contingent compensation. Except in a judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding, an official or employee may not assist or represent a party for contingent compensation in any matter before or involving the Town.

(g) Use of prestige of office.

(1)(i) An official or employee may not intentionally use the prestige of office or public position:

(A) For the private gain of that official or employee or the private gain of another; or

(B) To influence, except as part of the official duties of the official or employee or as a usual and customary constituent service without additional compensation, the award of a state or local contract to a specific person.

(ii) An official may not directly or indirectly initiate a solicitation for a person to retain the compensated services of a particular regulated lobbyist or lobbying firm.

(2) This subsection does not prohibit the performance of usual and customary constituent services by an elected local official without additional compensation.

(3)(i) An official, other than an elected official, or employee may not use public resources or the title of the official or employee to solicit a contribution as that term is defined in the Election Law Article.

(ii) An elected official may not use public resources to solicit a contribution as that term is defined in the Election Law Article.

(h) Solicitation and acceptance of gifts.

(1) An official or employee may not solicit any gift.

(2) An official or employee may not directly solicit or facilitate the solicitation of a gift, on behalf of another person, from an individual regulated lobbyist.

(3) An official or employee may not knowingly accept a gift, directly or indirectly, from a person that the official or employee knows or has the reason to know:

- (i) Is doing business with or seeking to do business with the Town office, agency, board, or commission with which the official or employee is affiliated;
- (ii) Has financial interests that may be substantially and materially affected, in a manner distinguishable from the public generally, by the performance or nonperformance of the official duties of the official or employee;
- (iii) Is engaged in an activity regulated or controlled by the official's or employee's governmental unit;
- (iv) Is a lobbyist with respect to matters within the jurisdiction of the official or employee; or
- (v) Is an association, or any entity acting on behalf of an association that is engaged only in representing counties or municipal corporations.

(4) Paragraph (5) of this subsection does not apply to a gift:

- (i) That would tend to impair the impartiality and the independence of judgment of the official or employee receiving the gift;
- (ii) Of significant value that would give the appearance of impairing the impartiality and independence of judgment of the official or employee; or
- (iii) Of significant value that the recipient official or employee believes or has reason to believe is designed to impair the impartiality and independence of judgment of the official or employee.

(5) Notwithstanding paragraph (3) of this subsection, an official or employee may accept the following:

- (i) Meals and beverages consumed in the presence of the donor or sponsoring entity;
- (ii) Ceremonial gifts or awards that have insignificant monetary value;
- (iii) Unsolicited gifts of nominal value that do not exceed twenty dollars (\$20) in cost or trivial items of informational value;
- (iv) Reasonable expenses for food, travel, lodging, and scheduled entertainment of the official or the employee at a meeting which is given in return for the participation of the official or employee in a panel or speaking engagement at the meeting;
- (v) Gifts of tickets or free admission extended to an elected local official to attend a charitable, cultural, or political event, if the purpose of this gift or admission is a courtesy or ceremony extended to the elected official's office;
- (vi) A specific gift or class of gifts that the Commission exempts from the operation of this subsection upon a finding, in writing, that acceptance of the gift or class of gifts would not be

detrimental to the impartial conduct of the business of the Town and that the gift is purely personal and private in nature;

(vii) Gifts from a person related to the official or employee by blood or marriage, or any other individual who is a member of the household of the official or employee; or

(viii) Honoraria for speaking to or participating in a meeting, provided that the offering of the honorarium is in not related in any way to the official's or employee's official position.

(i) Disclosure of confidential information. Other than in the discharge of official duties, an official or employee or former official or employee may not disclose or use confidential information, that the official or employee acquired by reason of the individual's public position or former public position and that is not available to the public, for the economic benefit of the official or employee or that of another person.

(j) An official or employee may not retaliate against an individual for reporting or participating in an investigation of a potential violation of the local ethics law or ordinance.

Sec. 3-5. - Financial disclosure -- local elected officials and candidates to be local elected officials.

(a)(1) This section applies to all local elected officials and candidates to be local elected officials.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a local elected official or a candidate to be a local elected official shall file the financial disclosure statement required under this section:

(i) On a form provided by the Commission;

(ii) Under oath or affirmation; and

(iii) With the Commission.

(3) Deadlines for filing statements.

(i) An incumbent local elected official shall file a financial disclosure statement annually no later than April 30 of each year for the preceding calendar year.

(ii) An individual who is appointed to fill a vacancy in an office for which a financial disclosure statement is required and who has not already filed a financial disclosure statement shall file a statement for the preceding calendar year within 30 days after appointment.

(iii)(A) An individual who, other than by reason of death, leaves an office for which a statement is required shall file a statement within 60 days after leaving the office.

(B) The statement shall cover:

1. The calendar year immediately preceding the year in which the individual left office, unless a statement covering that year has already been filed by the individual; and

2. The portion of the current calendar year during which the individual held the office.

(b) Candidates to be local elected officials.

(1) Except for an official who has filed a financial disclosure statement under another provision of this section for the reporting period, a candidate to be an elected local official shall file a financial disclosure statement each year beginning with the year in which the certificate of candidacy is filed through the year of the election.

(2) A candidate to be an elected local official shall file a statement required under this section:

(i) In the year the certificate of candidacy is filed, no later than the filing of the certificate of candidacy;

(ii) In the year of the election, on or before the earlier of April 30 or the last day for the withdrawal of candidacy; and

(iii) In all other years for which a statement is required, on or before April 30.

(3) A candidate to be an elected official:

(i) May file the statement required under § 3-5(b)(2)(i) of this chapter with the Town Clerk or Board of Election Supervisors with the certificate of candidacy or with the Commission prior to filing the certificate of candidacy; and

(ii) Shall file the statements required under § 3-5(b)(2)(ii) and (iii) with the Commission.

(4) If a statement required to be filed by a candidate is overdue and not filed within 8 days after written notice of the failure to file is provided by the Town Clerk or Board of Election Supervisor, the candidate is deemed to have withdrawn the candidacy.

(5) The Town Clerk or Board of Election Supervisors may not accept any certificate of candidacy unless a statement has been filed in proper form.

(6) Within thirty (30) days of the receipt of a statement required under this section, the Town Clerk or Board of Election Supervisors shall forward the statement to the Commission or the office designated by the Commission.

(c) Public record.

(1) The Commission or office designated by the Commission shall maintain all financial disclosure statements filed under this section.

(2) Financial disclosure statements shall be made available during normal office hours for examination and copying by the public subject to reasonable fees and administrative procedures established by the Commission.

(3) If an individual examines or copies a financial disclosure statement, the Commission or the office designated by the Commission shall record:

(i) The name and home address of the individual reviewing or copying the statement; and

(ii) The name of the person whose financial disclosure statement was examined or copied.

(4) Upon request by the official or employee whose financial disclosure statement was examined or copied, the Commission or the office designated by the Commission shall provide the official with a copy of the name and home address of the person who reviewed the official's financial disclosure statement.

(5) For statements filed after January 1, 2019, the Commission or the office designated by the Commission may not provide public access to an individual's home address that the individual has designated as the individual's home address.

(6) The Commission or office designated by the Commission shall not provide public access to information related to consideration received from:

(i) The University of Maryland Medical System;

(ii) A governmental entity of the State or a local government in the State; or

(iii) A quasi-governmental entity of the State or local government in the State.

(d) Retention requirements. The Commission or the office designated by the Commission shall retain financial disclosure statements for four years from the date of receipt.

(e) An individual who is required to disclose the name of a business under this section shall disclose any other names that the business is trading as or doing business as.

(f) Contents of statement.

(1) Interests in real property.

(i) A statement filed under this section shall include a schedule of all interests in real property wherever located.

(ii) For each interest in real property, the schedule shall include:

(A) The nature of the property and the location by street address, mailing address, or legal description of the property;

(B) The nature and extent of the interest held, including any conditions and encumbrances on the interest;

(C) The date when, the manner in which, and the identity of the person from whom the interest was acquired;

(D) The nature and amount of the consideration given in exchange for the interest or, if acquired other than by purchase, the fair market value of the interest at the time acquired;

(E) If any interest was transferred, in whole or in part, at any time during the reporting period, a description of the interest transferred, the nature and amount of the consideration received for the interest, and the identity of the person to whom the interest was transferred; and

(F) The identity of any other person with an interest in the property.

(2) Interests in corporations and partnerships.

(i) A statement filed under this section shall include a schedule of all interests in any corporation, partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability corporation, regardless of whether the corporation or partnership does business with the Town.

(ii) For each interest reported under this paragraph, the schedule shall include:

(A) The name and address of the principal office of the corporation, partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability corporation;

(B) The nature and amount of the interest held, including any conditions and encumbrances on the interest;

(C) With respect to any interest transferred, in whole or in part, at any time during the reporting period, a description of the interest transferred, the nature and amount of the consideration received for the interest, and, if known, the identity of the person to whom the interest was transferred; and

(D) With respect to any interest acquired during the reporting period:

1. The date when, the manner in which, and the identity of the person from whom the interest was acquired; and

2. The nature and the amount of the consideration given in exchange for the interest or, if acquired other than by purchase, the fair market value of the interest at the time acquired.

(iii) An individual may satisfy the requirement to report the amount of the interest held under item (ii)(B) of this paragraph by reporting, instead of a dollar amount:

(A) For an equity interest in a corporation, the number of shares held and, unless the corporation's stock is publicly traded, the percentage of equity interest held; or

(B) For an equity interest in a partnership, the percentage of equity interest held.

(3) Interests in business entities doing business with the Town.

(i) A statement filed under this section shall include a schedule of all interests in any business entity that does business with the Town, other than interests reported under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(ii) For each interest reported under this paragraph, the schedule shall include:

(A) The name and address of the principal office of the business entity;

(B) The nature and amount of the interest held, including any conditions to and encumbrances on the interest;

(C) With respect to any interest transferred, in whole or in part, at any time during the reporting period, a description of the interest transferred, the nature and amount of the consideration received in exchange for the interest, and, if known, the identity of the person to whom the interest was transferred; and

(D) With respect to any interest acquired during the reporting period:

1. The date when, the manner in which, and the identity of the person from whom the interest was acquired; and

2. The nature and the amount of the consideration given in exchange for the interest or, if acquired other than by purchase, the fair market value of the interest at the time acquired.

(4) Gifts.

(i) A statement filed under this section shall include a schedule of each gift in excess of twenty dollars (\$20) in value or a series of gifts totaling one hundred dollars (\$100) or more received during the reporting period from or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any one person who does business with the Town, or from an association, or any entity acting on behalf of an association that is engaged only in representing counties or municipal corporations.

(ii) For each gift reported, the schedule shall include:

(A) A description of the nature and value of the gift; and

(B) The identity of the person from whom, or on behalf of whom, directly or indirectly, the gift was received.

(5) Employment with or interests in entities doing business with Town.

(i) A statement filed under this section shall include a schedule of all offices, directorships, and salaried employment by the individual or member of the immediate family of the individual held at any time during the reporting period with entities doing business with the Town.

(ii) For each position reported under this paragraph, the schedule shall include:

(A) The name and address of the principal office of the business entity;

(B) The title and nature of the office, directorship, or salaried employment held and the date it commenced; and

(C) The name of each Town agency with which the entity is involved.

(6) Indebtedness to entities doing business with or regulated by the individual's Town unit or department.

(i) A statement filed under this section shall include a schedule of all liabilities, excluding retail credit accounts, to persons doing business with or regulated by the individual's Town unit or department owed at any time during the reporting period:

(A) By the individual; or

(B) By a member of the immediate family of the individual if the individual was involved in the transaction giving rise to the liability.

(ii) For each liability reported under this paragraph, the schedule shall include:

(A) The identity of the person to whom the liability was owed and the date the liability was incurred;

(B) The amount of the liability owed as of the end of the reporting period;

(C) The terms of payment of the liability and the extent to which the principal amount of the liability was increased or reduced during the year; and

(D) The security given, if any, for the liability.

(7) A statement filed under this section shall include a schedule of the immediate family members of the individual employed by the Town in any capacity at any time during the reporting period.

(8) Sources of earned income.

(i) A statement filed under this section shall include a schedule of the name and address of each place of employment and of each business entity of which the individual or a member of the individual's immediate family was a sole or partial owner and from which the individual or

member of the individual's immediate family received earned income, at any time during the reporting period.

(ii) A minor child's employment or business ownership need not be disclosed if the agency that employs the individual does not regulate, exercise authority over, or contract with the place of employment or business entity of the minor child.

(iii) For a statement filed on or after January 1, 2019, if the individual's spouse is a lobbyist regulated by the Town, the individual shall disclose the entity that has engaged the spouse for lobbying purposes.

(9) Relationship with University of Maryland Medical System, State or Local Government, or Quasi-Governmental Entity.

(i) An individual shall disclose the information specified in [General Provisions Article § 5-607\(j\)\(1\)](#), Annotated Code of Maryland, for any financial or contractual relationship with:

(A) The University of Maryland Medical System;

(B) A governmental entity of the State or a local government in the State; or

(C) A quasi-governmental entity of the State or local government in the State.

(ii) For each financial or contractual relationship reported, the schedule shall include:

(A) A description of the relationship;

(B) The subject matter of the relationship; and

(C) The consideration.

(10) A statement filed under this section may also include a schedule of additional interests or information that the individual making the statement wishes to disclose.

(g) For the purposes of § 3-5(f)(1), (2), and (3) of this chapter, the following interests are considered to be the interests of the individual making the statement:

(1) An interest held by a member of the individual's immediate family, if the interest was, at any time during the reporting period, directly or indirectly controlled by the individual.

(2) An interest held, at any time during the applicable period, by:

(i) A business entity in which the individual held a (10)% or greater interest;

(ii) A business entity described in item (i) of this subsection in which the business entity held a 25% or greater interest;

(iii) A business entity described in item (ii) of this subsection in which the business entity held a 50% or greater interest; and

(iv) A business entity in which the individual directly or indirectly, through an interest in one or a combination of other business entities, holds a 10% or greater interest.

(3) An interest held by a trust or an estate in which, at any time during the reporting period:

(i) The individual held a reversionary interest or was a beneficiary; or

(ii) If a revocable trust, the individual was a settlor.

(h)(1) The Commission shall review the financial disclosure statements submitted under this section for compliance with the provisions of this section and shall notify an individual submitting the statement of any omissions or deficiencies.

(2) The Town Ethics Commission may take appropriate enforcement action to ensure compliance with this section.

Sec. 3-6. - Financial disclosure -- employees and appointed officials.

(a) This section only applies to the following appointed officials and employees:

i. Town Administrator;

ii. Treasurer

iii. Town Clerk;

iv. Department Heads;

v. Any appointed official on a board with decision-making authority, such as election supervisors and members of the ethics commission.

(b) A statement filed under this section shall be filed with the Commission under oath or affirmation.

(c) On or before April 30 of each year during which an official or employee holds office, an official or employee shall file a statement disclosing gifts received during the preceding calendar year from any person that contracts with or is regulated by Town, including the name of the business entity in which the individual directly or indirectly, through an interest in one or a combination of other business entities, holds a 10% or greater interest. The donor of the gift and the approximate retail value at the time of receipt.

(d) An official or employee shall disclose employment and interests that raise conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest in connection with a specific proposed action by the employee or official sufficiently in advance of the action to provide adequate disclosure to the public.

(e) An individual who is required to disclose the name of a business under this section shall disclose any other names that the business is trading as or doing business as.

(f) Relationship with University of Maryland Medical System, State or Local Government, or Quasi-Governmental Entity.

(1) An individual shall disclose the information specified in [General Provisions Article § 5-607\(j\)\(1\)](#), Annotated Code of Maryland, for any financial or contractual relationship with:

(i) The University of Maryland Medical System;

(ii) A governmental entity of the State or a local government in the State; or

(iii) A quasi-governmental entity of the State or local government in the State.

(2) For each financial or contractual relationship reported, the schedule shall include:

(i) A description of the relationship;

(ii) The subject matter of the relationship; and

(iii) The consideration.

(g) The Commission shall maintain all disclosure statements filed under this section as public records available for public inspection and copying as provided in § 3-5(c) and (d) of this chapter.

Sec. 3-7. - Lobbying.

(a) A person shall file a lobbying registration statement with the Commission if the person:

(1) Personally appears before a Town official or employee with the intent to influence that person in performance of the official duties of the official or employee; and

(2) In connection with the intent to influence, expends or reasonably expects to expend in a given calendar year in excess of one hundred (\$100) on food, entertainment, or other gifts for officials or employees of the Town.

(b) A person shall file a registration statement required under this section on or before the later of January 15 of the calendar year or within 5 days after first performing an act that requires registration in the calendar year.

(c)(1) The registration statement shall identify:

(i) The registrant;

(ii) Any other person on whose behalf the registrant acts; and

(iii) The subject matter on which the registrant proposes to make appearances specified in subsection (a) of this section.

(2) The registration statement shall cover a defined registration period not to exceed one calendar year.

(d) Within 30 days after the end of any calendar year during which a person was registered under this section, the person shall file a report with the Commission disclosing:

(1) The value, date, and nature of any food, entertainment, or other gift provided to a Town official or employee; and

(2) If a gift or series of gifts to a single official or employee exceeds one hundred dollars (\$100) in value, the identity of the official or employee.

(e) The Commission shall maintain the registrations and reports filed under this section as public records available for public inspection and copying for four years after receipt by the Commission.

Sec. 3-8. - Exemptions and modifications.

The Commission may grant exemptions and modifications to the provisions of §§ 3-4 and 3-6 of this chapter to employees and to appointed members of Town Boards and Commissions, when the Commission finds that an exemption or modification would not be contrary to the purposes of this chapter, and the application of this chapter would:

(a) Constitute an unreasonable invasion of privacy; and

(b) Significantly reduce the availability of qualified persons for public service.

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Sec. 3-9. - Enforcement.

(a) The Commission may:

(1) Assess a late fee of five dollars (\$5) per day up to a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for a failure to timely file a financial disclosure statement required under § 3-5 or § 3-6 of this chapter;

(2) Assess a late fee of ten dollars (\$10) per day up to a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for a failure to file a timely lobbyist registration or lobbyist report required under § 3-7 of this chapter; and

(3) Issue a cease and desist order against any person found to be in violation of this chapter.

(b)(1) Upon a finding of a violation of any provision of this chapter, the Commission may:

(i) Issue an order of compliance directing the respondent to cease and desist from the violation;

(ii) Issue a reprimand; or

(iii) Recommend to the appropriate authority other appropriate discipline of the respondent, including censure or removal if that discipline is authorized by law.

(2) If the Commission finds that a respondent has violated § 3-7 of this chapter, the Commission may:

(i) Require a respondent who is a registered lobbyist to file any additional reports or information that reasonably relates to the information that is required under § 3-7 of this chapter;

(ii) Impose a fine not exceeding five thousand (\$5,000) for each violation; and

(iii) Suspend the registration of an individual registered lobbyist if the Commission finds that the lobbyist has knowingly and willfully violated § 3-7 of this chapter or has been convicted of a criminal offense arising from lobbying activities.

(c)(1) Upon request of by the Commission, the Town Attorney may file a petition for injunctive or other relief in the circuit court of Prince George's County, or in any other court having proper venue for the purpose of requiring compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

(2)(i) The court may:

(A) Issue an order to cease and desist from the violation;

(B) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, void an official action taken by an official or employee with a conflict of interest prohibited by this chapter when the action arises from or concerns the subject matter of the conflict and if the legal action is brought within ninety (90) days of the occurrence of the official action, if the court deems voiding the action to be in the best interest of the public; or

(C) Impose a fine of up to five thousand (\$5,000) for any violation of the provisions of this chapter, with each day upon which the violation occurs constituting a separate offense.

(ii) A court may not void any official action appropriating public funds, levying taxes, or providing for the issuance of bonds, notes, or other evidences of public obligations.

(d) In addition to any other enforcement provisions in this chapter, a person who the Commission or a court finds has violated this chapter:

(1) Is subject to termination or other disciplinary action; and

(2) May be suspended from receiving payment of salary or other compensation pending full compliance with the terms of an order of the Commission or a court.

(e) A Town official or employee found to have violated this chapter is subject to disciplinary or other appropriate personnel action, including removal from office, disciplinary action, suspension of salary, or other sanction.

(f) Violation of § 3-7 of this chapter shall be a misdemeanor subject to a fine of up to ten thousand (\$10,000) or imprisonment of up to one year.

(g) A finding of a violation of this chapter by the Commission is public information.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take effect within thirty

(30) days of adoption.

Section 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that if any section, subsection, provision, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be illegal or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall be severable, and shall not affect or impair any remaining section, subsection, provision, sentence, clause, phrase or word included within this Ordinance, it being the intent of the Town that the remainder of the Ordinance shall be and shall remain in full force and effect, valid and enforceable.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a fair summary of this ordinance shall forthwith be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town in the period between passage and the effective date and otherwise be made available for inspection to the public during the aforesaid period.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Town Council of Cheverly at a regular meeting on the

_____ day of _____, 2025.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Town Council of Cheverly at a regular public meeting on the

____ of _____, 2025.

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____
Giselle Richards

Micah Watson

Mayor

Christopher R. Wade
Councilmember

David Tansey
Councilmember

John LeGloahec
Councilmember

Charly Garces
Councilmember

Nicole Bryner
Councilmember

Amy Jean Chung Fry
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