



**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ITEM**

AGENDA ITEM: 21-O-10

Prepared By: Janeen S. Miller,
City Clerk

Meeting Date: 07/20/2021

Presented By: Suellen Ferguson
City Attorney

Proposed Consent: N/A

Originating Department: City Clerk's Office for the College Park Ethics Commission

Action Requested: Introduction of Ordinance 21-O-10 Amending Chapter 38, "Code Of Ethics", By Repealing And Reenacting Article I, "General Provisions", § 38-1, "Purpose"; Article II, "Ethics Commission", §38-6, "Duties And Powers"; And Article IV, "Required Disclosures", § 38-15 "Required Disclosure By City Elected Officials And Candidates To Be City Elected Officials" To Update References To The State Code And Make Other Non-Substantive Corrections.

Strategic Plan Objective: Objective 1: Innovate and improve City services to enhance quality, value and accessibility for all our residents.

Background/Justification:

In a June 21 letter to the Mayor and Council, the City's Ethics Commission Attorney Victoria Shearer, proposed three amendments to Chapter 38 of the City Code:

§38-1 A and 38-1 C: Both state "City employees and employees..." which is redundant. It should say "City officials and employees" to conform to language in the Definitions section.

§ 38-6 H and 38-C I: This amendment is to update an old reference to the State Government Article. In 2014 the Maryland Code was revised, and the provisions cited were moved to the General Provisions Article. This amendment corrects the citation.

§ 38-15 G2: There is a typographical error in Section 38-15(G)(2). The term "3%" should state "30%," per the Maryland State Code, Gen. Prov. Article, §5-608(2) stating that "an interest held by a business entity in which the individual held a 30% or greater interest at any time during the applicable period..."

The proposed amendments are of a housekeeping nature. Once the ordinance is introduced, a public hearing will be scheduled.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Council Options:

1. Introduce Ordinance 21-O-10 and schedule the Public Hearing for August 10, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.
2. Discuss but delay introduction.

Staff Recommendation:

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Recommended Motion:

I move to introduce Ordinance 21-O-10 Amending Chapter 38, "Code Of Ethics", By Repealing And Reenacting Article I, "General Provisions", § 38-1, "Purpose"; Article II, "Ethics Commission", §38-6, "Duties And Powers"; And Article IV, "Required Disclosures", § 38-15 "Required Disclosure By City Elected Officials And

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Attachments:

1. Ordinance 21-O-10