



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

AGENDA ITEM: 22-O-12

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Meeting Date: 11/8/22

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Proposed Consent: No

Originating Department: Administration

Issue Before Council: Introduction of an ordinance to adopt changes to the City's Code of Ethics mandated by the State legislature

Strategic Plan Objective: Inspire and nurture a welcoming and inclusive community that encourages and embodies engagement, collaboration, and equity throughout our City

Background/Justification:

Code Chapter 38 is the City's Code of Ethics. The provisions in the Code of Ethics are mandated by the State legislature, and are subject to review by the State Ethics Commission for conformance. The General Assembly adopted House Bill 363 and House Bill 1058, which included certain requirements that apply to the City and must be reflected in the Code of Ethics. The required changes are included in the attached ordinance. Of note is that the changes include a requirement that elected officials report any gift in excess of twenty dollars (\$20) in value or a series of gifts totaling one hundred dollars (\$100) or more from the Maryland Municipal League and the Maryland Association of Counties.

Fiscal Impact:

This item has no fiscal impact.

Council Options:

1. Introduce Ordinance 22-O-12, to amend City Code Chapter 38 to adopt amendments required by the General Assembly in House Bills 363 and 1058.
2. Take no action.

Staff Recommendation:

Option 1

I move to introduce Ordinance 22-O-12, which amends City Code §§38-4, "Definitions", 38-11, "Conflicts of Interest", and 38-15, "Required disclosure by City elected officials and candidates to be City elected officials", to conform to the changes required by the General Assembly.

Attachments:

1. Ordinance 22-O-12