

ORDINANCE
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK AMENDING
CHAPTER 38, “CODE OF ETHICS”, BY REPEALING AND REENACTING ARTICLE
I, “GENERAL PROVISIONS”, SECTION 38-4, “DEFINITIONS”, TO PROVIDE THE
DEFINITION OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY TO CLARIFY WHAT FINANCIAL
INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE DISCLOSED BY CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS
AND CANDIDATES TO BE CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS UNDER §38-15

WHEREAS, pursuant to §5-201 *et seq.* of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the City of College Park, Maryland (hereinafter, the “City”) has the power to pass such ordinances as it deems necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the municipality and to prevent and remove nuisances; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted a Code of Ethics as required by §15-801 *et seq.* of the State Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Ethics Commission has recommended that a definition of immediate family member be added to the Code of Ethics in order to clarify what financial information is required to be disclosed by City elected officials and candidates to be City elected officials under §38-15; and

WHEREAS, the requested definition is consistent with the State Ethics law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the public interest to adopt the recommended amendment to the City Code of Ethics.

Section 1. **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland that Chapter 38, “Code of Ethics”, Article I, “General Provisions”, Section 38-4, “Definitions”, be and is hereby repealed, reenacted and amended to read as follows:

CAPS : Indicate matter added to existing law.
 [Brackets] : Indicate matter deleted from law.
 Asterisks * * * : Indicate matter remaining unchanged in existing law but not set forth in Ordinance

§ 38-4. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

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IMMEDIATE FAMILY

AN INDIVIDUAL’S SPOUSE, DOMESTIC PARTNER AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

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Section 2. **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park that, upon formal introduction of this proposed Ordinance, which shall be by way of a motion duly seconded and without any further vote, the City Clerk shall distribute a copy to each Council member and shall maintain a reasonable number of copies in the office of the City Clerk and shall post at City Hall, to the official City website, to the City-maintained e-mail LISTSERV, and on the City cable channel, and if time permits, in any City newsletter, the proposed ordinance or a fair summary thereof together with a notice setting out the time and place for a public hearing thereon and for its consideration by the Council.

The public hearing, hereby set for _____ P.M. on the _____ day of _____, 2016, shall follow the publication by at least seven (7) days, may be held separately or in connection with a regular or special Council meeting and may be adjourned from time to time. All persons interested shall have an opportunity to be heard. After the hearing, the Council may adopt the proposed ordinance with or without amendments or reject it. This Ordinance shall become effective on _____, 2016 provided that, as soon as practicable after adoption, the City Clerk shall post a fair summary of the Ordinance and notice of its adoption at City Hall, to the official City website, to the City-maintained e-mail LISTSERV, on the City cable channel, and in any City newsletter.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland at a regular meeting on the ____ day of _____ 2016.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland at a regular meeting on the ____ day of _____ 2016.

EFFECTIVE the ____ day of _____, 2016.

ATTEST:

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK

By: _____
Janeen S. Miller, CMC, City Clerk

By: _____
Patrick L. Wojahn, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

Suellen M. Ferguson, City Attorney