

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

RESOLUTION 2012-OR-01

Introduced By: CM Thompson

Date Introduced: January 30, 2012

Date Adopted: February 6, 2012

Date Effective: February 27, 2012

An Ordinance concerning

REVISIONS TO NEW ETHICS ORDINANCE

FOR the purpose of amending a new ethics ordinance for the Town of Riverdale Park adopted by Resolution 2011-OR-05 on October 3, 2011, to make certain modifications required by the State Ethics Commission to comply with requirements of Maryland law.

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 32 – Ethics, Code of
Sections 32-3(f) and (g), 32-4(h)(5)(iii), 32-4(j)(4), 32-5(c)(5) and 32-
5(f)(4)(i)
Code of the Town of Riverdale Park
(January 2008 Revision)
(As adopted by Resolution 2011-OR-05 on October 3, 2011)

SECTION 1: BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK, That Sections 32-3(f) and (g), 32-4(h)(5)(iii), 32-4(j)(4), 32-5(c)(5) and 32-5(f)(4)(i), of the Code of the Town of Riverdale Park (January 2008 Revision), Chapter 32, Ethics, Code of, as adopted by Resolution 2011-OR-05 on October 3, 2011, are repealed and reenacted, with amendments to read as follows:

CHAPTER 32 - ETHICS**§ 32-3 Ethics Commission.**

(f) 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 State Government Article, Title ~~§-32~~ 15, Subtitle 8, Annotated Code of Maryland for elected local officials.

(g) The commission shall determine if changes to this chapter are required to be in compliance with the requirements of State Government Article, Title ~~§-32~~ 15, Subtitle 8, Annotated Code of Maryland, and shall forward any recommended changes and amendments to the Town Council for enactment.

§ 32-4 Conflicts of interest.

(h) Solicitation and acceptance of gifts.

(5) Notwithstanding paragraph (3) and subject to paragraph (4) 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 ~~\$-25~~ \$ 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 events, 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.

(j) Participation in procurement.

(1) An individual who drafts or assists in the drafting of specifications, an invitation for bids, or a request for proposals for a procurement for the Town, may not assist or represent another person, directly or indirectly, who is submitting a bid or proposal for the procurement.

(2) An individual who drafts or assists in the drafting of specifications, an invitation for bids, or a request for proposals for a procurement for the Town, may not submit a bid or proposal for the procurement.

(3) A person who employs a current or former Town official or employee who drafted or assisted in the drafting of specifications, an invitation for bids, or a request for proposals for a procurement for the Town, may not submit a bid or proposal for that procurement or assist or represent another person, directly or indirectly, who is submitting a bid or proposal for the procurement.

(4) The commission may establish exemptions from the requirements of this Section SUBSECTION for providing descriptive literature, sole source procurements, and written comments solicited by the procuring agency.

§ 32-5 Financial disclosure – elected officials and candidates to be Town elected officials.

(c) Candidates to be elected officials.

(5) if a candidate fails to file a statement required by this subsection after written notice is provided by the Town at least ~~§-32~~ 20 days before the last day for the withdrawal of candidacy, the candidate is deemed to have withdrawn the candidacy.

(f) Contents of statement.

(4) Gifts.

(i) A statement filed under this section shall include a schedule of each gift in excess of \$25 \$20 in value or a series of gifts totaling \$100 or more received during the reporting period from or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any one person who does business with or is regulated by the Town.

(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.

SECTION 2: AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall become effective (i) twenty (20) days after its passage by the Council, or (ii) upon approval by the State Ethics Commission, whichever occurs last.

ATTEST:

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
RIVERDALE PARK



Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator



Vernon Archer, Mayor

EXPLANATION:

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike Out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law.