

**Amendment 7 to Council Bill No. 30- 2017**

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**Amendment No. 7**

*(This amendment provides for a voluntary donation to the Fund, clarifies that a County resident must be a human being and not a corporation or other kind of entity, provides for staggered terms, clarifies when the determination of a contested election is made, requires the Department of Finance to administer the system and provide information, clarifies when disbursements may not be made because an election is not contested, provides that members of the Commission must be registered voters, clarifies the information that must be included in campaign finance reports, sets a minimum meeting schedule for the Commission, and adds a candidate's adult children to those whose contributions or loans are subject to a separate cap)*

1 On the title page, in last line of the purpose paragraph after the semicolon, insert: “providing for  
2 a certain voluntary contribution to the Fund;”.

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4 On page 2, after line 18, insert:

5 “By amending:

6 Title 20 – Taxes, charges and fees.

7 Subtitle 6 - Utility charges and assessments.

8 Section 20.605(d) – Billing.

9 By adding:

10 Title 22 - General Provisions.

11 Subtitle 8. - Governmental Transparency and Accessible Data.

12 Section 22.807 - Citizens' Election Fund System – Donations.”.

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15 On page 3, after line 13, insert:

16 “(K) “COUNTY RESIDENT” MEANS A NATURAL PERSON WHO RESIDES IN HOWARD COUNTY.”.

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18 Renumber the rest of the section accordingly.

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On page 5, in line 5 after “(II)”, insert

“A CHILD WHO IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD;  
(III)”.

Renumber accordingly in lines 6 and 7.

Also on page 5, strike line 30 and substitute “(II) A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT THAT CONTAINS THE INFORMATION THAT THE STATE BOARD REQUIRES FOR A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT AND THAT INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:”.

On page 8:

- in line 6, after “AUGUST” insert “PRECEDING THE ELECTION”.
- in line 8, strike “UNCONTESTED”.
- also in line 8, after “ELECTION” insert “IN WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS THE SOLE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS FILED A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY FOR THAT OFFICE”.

On page 13:

- after line 12, insert:  
“(5) A MEMBER SHALL BE A REGISTERED VOTER.”
- in line 14, strike the third instance of “THE” and after “MAY 1” insert a period.
- in line 15, before “DURING” insert “THE TERM OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION NOMINATED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE BEGINS”.
- also in line 15, after the period, insert “THE TERM OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION NOMINATED BY A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL BEGINS DURING THE THIRD YEAR OF A COUNTY COUNCIL TERM.”.
- insert after line 17:  
“(3) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, TO CREATE STAGGERED TERMS, THE TERMS OF THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WHO ARE NOMINATED BY A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL BE 6 YEARS AND SHALL BEGIN ON THE MAY 1, 2019.”.

- 1 • after line 28, insert:
- 2 “(3) THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET :
- 3 (I) AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 90 DAYS DURING THE 12 MONTHS PRECEDING A
- 4 PRIMARY ELECTION; AND
- 5 (II) AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR OTHERWISE.”
- 6 • at the end of line 30, before the period, insert:
- 7 “TO:
- 8 (1) WORK WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO ADMINISTER THE SYSTEM;
- 9 AND
- 10 (2) ..PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SYSTEM TO CANDIDATES AND THE PUBLIC”.

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12 On page 14, after line 9, insert:

13 **“Title 20 – Taxes, charges and fees.**

14 **Subtitle 6 - Utility charges and assessments.**

15 20.605. - Utility service charges.

16 (d) Billing.

17 (1) The water, reclaimed water, and sewer service charges shall be billed by the  
 18 Department of Finance and shall be billed quarterly unless otherwise stipulated by the Director  
 19 of Finance. Penalties for late payment of such charges shall be made in accordance with section  
 20 20.316 of this subtitle. If only a portion of the service charge revenues are used to cover  
 21 operation and maintenance costs of the water system, reclaimed water system, or public sewer  
 22 system, the amount of the service charge dedicated to operation and maintenance costs shall be  
 23 indicated on each bill.

24 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE SHALL INCLUDE ON EACH BILL A CHECKBOX THAT,  
 25 WHEN CHECKED BY THE BILL PAYER, ADDS A \$ 3 CONTRIBUTION FOR THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND.  
 26 THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE SHALL DEPOSIT THE MONEY COLLECTED BECAUSE OF THE CHECK-  
 27 OFF INTO THE CITIZENS’ ELECTION FUND REQUIRED BY SECTION 907 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY  
 28 CHARTER.

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30 **Title 22 - General Provisions.**

31 **Subtitle 8. - Governmental Transparency and Accessible Data.**

1 SECTION 22.807. - CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND SYSTEM – DONATIONS.

2 (A) THE FACILITATOR SHALL ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY WEBSITE INCLUDES A MECHANISM  
3 TO ACCEPT DONATIONS TO THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND.

4 (B) THE MECHANISM SHALL BE PROMINENTLY LOCATED ON EACH APPROPRIATE COUNTY  
5 WEB PAGE.”.

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