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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2025 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 1

Council Bill No. 8-2025

Introduced by: Deb Jung

SHORT TITLE: Inspector General Advisory Board Financial Disclosure Statement

AN ACT amending Section 22.206(c) of the Howard County Code to add the Inspector General Advisory Board to the list of boards and commissions required to file financial disclosure statements; and generally relating to financial disclosure statements.

Introduced and read first time Jan 7, 2025. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.
By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on Jan 21, 2025.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on Feb 3, 2025 and Passed ☒ Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 4th day of Feb, 2025 at _____ a.m./p.m.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive Feb 5, 2025

Calvin Ball
Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **Section 1. *Be It Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard
2 *County Code is amended as follows:*

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4 *By Amending:*

5 *Title 22: "General Provisions"*

6 *Subtitle 2: "Howard County Public Ethics Law"*

7 *Section 22.206: "Financial disclosure statements"*

8 *Subsection (c)*

9 *Numbers 25 and 26; and*

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11 *By Adding:*

12 *Title 22: "General Provisions"*

13 *Subtitle 2: "Howard County Public Ethics Law"*

14 *Section 22.206: "Financial disclosure statements"*

15 *Subsection (c)*

16 *a new Number 27: "Inspector General Advisory Board".*

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18 **Title 22 – General Provisions**

19 **SUBTITLE 2 – HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC ETHICS LAW**

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21 **Sec. 22.206. Financial disclosure statements.**

22 (a) This section applies to all elected officials, all candidates to be elected officials, all
23 employees holding positions listed in subsection (b) of this section, all persons appointed to the
24 boards and commissions listed in subsection (c) of this section, and certain high school members
25 of boards and commissions.

26 (b) This section applies to the following County employees:

27 (1) All executive exempt positions as listed in section 1.306 "Executive Exempt" of the
28 Howard County Code;

29 (2) All employees authorized to draft specifications for, negotiate or execute a contract
30 which commits the County or any of its boards, agencies or departments to expend in excess of
31 \$2,500.00; and

1 (3) All employees in a managerial or policy-making positions as determined by the
2 commission upon recommendation of their department or agency head. In making such a
3 recommendation, the department or agency head shall consider such factors as the employee's
4 responsibility for decision making and policy recommendation in the areas of contracting,
5 procurement, administration and/or monitoring of grants and subsidies, planning or zoning,
6 inspecting, licensing, regulating, auditing and budgeting; and

7 (c) This section applies to members of the following boards and commissions:

- 8 (1) Board of Appeals;
- 9 (2) Planning Board;
- 10 (3) Recreation and Parks Board;
- 11 (4) Public Works Board;
- 12 (5) Ethics Commission;
- 13 (6) Housing and Community Development Board;
- 14 (7) Agricultural Preservation Board;
- 15 (8) Equal Business Opportunity Commission;
- 16 (9) Historic Preservation Commission;
- 17 (10) Board of Library Trustees;
- 18 (11) Howard County Housing Commission;
- 19 (12) Economic Development Authority Board;
- 20 (13) Howard County Pension Oversight Commission;
- 21 (14) Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board;
- 22 (15) Howard County Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board;
- 23 (16) Howard County Revenue Authority Board;
- 24 (17) Design Advisory Panel;
- 25 (18) Animal Matters Hearing Board;
- 26 (19) Advisory Board on Consumer Protection;
- 27 (20) Board of Electrical Examiners;
- 28 (21) Board of Health;
- 29 (22) Human Rights Commission;
- 30 (23) Police Accountability Board;
- 31 (24) Administrative Charging Committee;

1 (25) Civilian member of the trial board, provided under section 3-106 of the Public
2 Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; [[and]]

3 (26) Opioid Restitution Fund Commission [[.]]; AND

4 (27) INSPECTOR GENERAL ADVISORY BOARD.
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6 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,***
7 ***that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.***

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on Feb 5, 2025.

Michelle R. Harrod
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on _____, 2025.

Michelle R. Harrod
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on _____, 2025.

Michelle R. Harrod
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on _____, 2025.

Michelle R. Harrod
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on _____, 2025.

Michelle R. Harrod
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on _____, 2025.

Michelle R. Harrod
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council