

ment or receive any benefit or profit therefrom except as provided under paragraph 7 of this section.

(g) When a public official shall receive any ex parte communication concerning a case where a determination or decision is required by law to be made only after a public hearing for interested parties, such official shall make the ex parte communication public and a part of the record of such proceedings.

5. Disclosure of Interest.

Any public official who has, will have or later acquires an interest in any actual or proposed contract with Prince George's County, shall publicly disclose the nature and extent of such interest in writing to the office of the ~~State's Attorney~~ SENIOR RESIDENT JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY as soon as he has knowledge of such actual or prospective interest. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, disclosures shall not be required in the case of an interest in a contract described in paragraph 7 hereof.

6. Violations.

Any public official who willfully and knowingly violates the foregoing provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5 of this section is punishable by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both.

7. Exceptions.

The provisions of paragraph 4 of this section shall not apply to:

(a) A contract with a person, firm, corporation or association in which a public official has an interest solely by reason of employment as an employee thereof, if the remuneration of such employment will not be directly affected as a result of such contract and the duties of such employment do not directly involve the procurement, preparation or performance of any part of such contract;

(b) A contract with a membership corporation or other voluntary non-profit corporation or association;

(c) A contract in which a public official has an interest if such contract was entered into prior to the time he was elected or appointed as such official, but this paragraph shall in no event authorize a renewal of any such contract;

(d) A contract with a corporation in which a public official has an interest by reason of stockholdings when the stock of the corporation is listed on either the New York or American stock exchange or when less than three (3) per centum of the outstanding stock of the corporation is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by such official; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to stockholdings of a chief fiscal officer, treasurer, or his deputy or employee, in a bank or trust company designated as a depository of funds of the County.

(e) A contract which requires competitive sealed bids provided, however, that the public official has not received an unfair advantage or confidential information pursuant to his official duties that would aid him in the preparation of his bid.