

(2) PARTICIPATION IN THE ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF A COMPREHENSIVE ZONING PLAN BY APPEARING AT A PUBLIC HEARING, FILING A STATEMENT IN AN OFFICIAL RECORD, OR ENGAGING IN OTHER SIMILAR COMMUNICATION TO AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, WHERE THE INTENT IS TO CHANGE THE CLASSIFICATION OR INCREASE THE DENSITY OF THE LAND OF THE APPLICANT.

(D) "BUSINESS ENTITY" MEANS:

- (1) A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP;
- (2) A CORPORATION;
- (3) A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP;
- (4) A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP;
- (5) A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; OR
- (6) A JOINT VENTURE.

(E) "CANDIDATE" MEANS A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION AS HOWARD COUNTY EXECUTIVE OR TO THE HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL WHO BECOMES AN ELECTED OFFICIAL.

(F) "CONTRIBUTION" MEANS ANY PAYMENT OR TRANSFER OF MONEY OR PROPERTY OR THE INCURRING OF ANY LIABILITY OR PROMISE OF ANYTHING OF VALUE TO THE TREASURER OF A CANDIDATE, A POLITICAL COMMITTEE, OR A SLATE.

(G) "ELECTED OFFICIAL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SERVES AS HOWARD COUNTY EXECUTIVE OR AS A MEMBER OF THE HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL.

(H) "FAMILY MEMBER" MEANS THE SPOUSE OR CHILD OF EITHER AN APPLICANT OR A PARTY OF RECORD WHO HAS MADE A CONTRIBUTION WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT OF THE APPLICANT OR PARTY OF RECORD.

(I) "PARTY OF RECORD" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OR BUSINESS ENTITY THAT PARTICIPATES IN A MAP AMENDMENT PROCEEDING BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OR THE ZONING BOARD, OR WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF A COMPREHENSIVE ZONING PLAN BY APPEARING AT A PUBLIC HEARING, FILING A STATEMENT IN AN OFFICIAL RECORD, OR ENGAGING IN OTHER SIMILAR COMMUNICATION TO AN ELECTED OFFICIAL WHERE THE INTENT IS TO OPPOSE A CHANGE IN CLASSIFICATION OR AN INCREASE IN DENSITY OF THE LAND OF AN APPLICANT.

(J) "POLITICAL COMMITTEE" MEANS A COMMITTEE, CONTINUING OR NONCONTINUING, SPECIFICALLY CREATED TO PROMOTE THE CANDIDACY OF A PERSON RUNNING FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE.

(K) "SLATE" MEANS A GROUP, COMBINATION, OR ORGANIZATION OF CANDIDATES CREATED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 33 OF THE CODE.