

(F) "BUSINESS ENTITY" MEANS:

- (1) A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP;
- (2) A CORPORATION;
- (3) A PARTNERSHIP; OR
- (4) A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

(G) "CANDIDATE" MEANS A CANDIDATE FOR THE BOARD WHO BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

(H) "CONTRIBUTION" MEANS THE PAYMENT OR PROMISE OF PAYMENT OF MONEY OR PROPERTY, OR THE INCURRING OF A LIABILITY, TO A CANDIDATE OR A TREASURER OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF A CANDIDATE.

(I) "PARTNERSHIP" INCLUDES A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP, A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, A LIMITED LIABILITY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, OR A JOINT VENTURE.

(J) "PARTY OF RECORD" MEANS A PERSON THAT PARTICIPATED IN A PROCEEDING ON AN APPLICATION BEFORE THE BOARD BY APPEARING AT A PUBLIC HEARING OR FILING A STATEMENT IN AN OFFICIAL RECORD.

(K) "PENDENCY OF THE APPLICATION" MEANS ANY TIME BETWEEN THE ACCEPTANCE OF A FILING OF AN APPLICATION BY THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING AND THE EXPIRATION OF 30 DAYS AFTER:

- (1) THE BOARD HAS TAKEN FINAL ACTION ON THE APPLICATION; OR
- (2) THE APPLICATION IS WITHDRAWN.

(L) "POLITICAL COMMITTEE" MEANS A COMMITTEE SPECIFICALLY CREATED TO PROMOTE THE CANDIDACY OF A BOARD MEMBER WHO IS RUNNING FOR AN ELECTIVE OFFICE.

(M) "TREASURER" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 1-101 OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.

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(A) AN APPLICANT MAY NOT MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO A BOARD MEMBER DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE APPLICATION.

(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, AFTER AN APPLICATION HAS BEEN FILED, A BOARD MEMBER MAY NOT VOTE OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY WAY IN THE PROCEEDINGS ON THE APPLICATION IF THE MEMBER OR THE TREASURER OR POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE OF THE MEMBER RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE APPLICANT DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE APPLICATION.

(C) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A BOARD MEMBER MAY PARTICIPATE IN A COMPREHENSIVE ZONING OR REZONING PROCEEDING.