

(iii) a public authority;

(iv) a public service company acting within the scope of the Public Utility Companies Article; or

(v) a person who is:

1. less than a full-time employee of a person described in paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) of this subsection; and

2. hired or retained as an accountant, attorney, architect, engineer, land use consultant, economic consultant, real estate agent, real estate broker, traffic consultant, or traffic engineer.

(c) "Application" means:

(1) an application for a zoning map amendment; or

(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) "CONTRIBUTOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OR BUSINESS ENTITY THAT MAKES A CONTRIBUTION.

[(g)](H) "Elected official" means an individual who serves as Howard County Executive or as a member of the Howard County Council.

[(h)](I) (1) "Engaging in business" means entering into any:

(i) sale, purchase, lease, or other transaction involving goods, services, or real property; or