

(L) "PENDENCY OF THE APPLICATION" MEANS ANY TIME BETWEEN THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING OF A FILING OF AN APPLICATION AND THE EARLIER OF:

(1) 2 YEARS; OR

(2) THE EXPIRATION OF 30 DAYS AFTER:

(I) THE BOARD HAS TAKEN FINAL ACTION ON THE APPLICATION; OR

(II) THE APPLICATION IS WITHDRAWN.

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

(N) "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 BOARD MEMBER OR THE TREASURER OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD 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.

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(A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A COMMUNICATION BETWEEN A BOARD MEMBER AND AN EMPLOYEE OF THE FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT WHOSE DUTIES INVOLVE GIVING AID OR ADVICE TO A BOARD MEMBER CONCERNING A PENDING APPLICATION.