

(2) IF THE PERSON IS A BUSINESS ENTITY AND NOT A NATURAL PERSON, EACH OFFICER AND PARTNER OF THE BUSINESS ENTITY WHO KNOWINGLY AUTHORIZED OR PARTICIPATED IN THE VIOLATION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO THE SAME PENALTIES AS THE BUSINESS ENTITY.

(3) A MEMBER IS GUILTY OF VIOLATING THIS TITLE ONLY IF THE MEMBER FAILS TO ABSTAIN FROM VOTING OR PARTICIPATING IN A PROCEEDING, BASED ON INFORMATION CONTAINED IN AN AFFIDAVIT FILED WITH THE COUNTY COUNCIL BY AN APPLICANT OR AGENT, IN VIOLATION OF § 9-102(B) OF THIS TITLE.

(4) AN ACTION TAKEN IN RELIANCE ON AN OPINION OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION MAY NOT BE DEEMED A KNOWING AND WILLFUL VIOLATION.

(C) (1) ANY PERSON WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE SHALL PRESERVE ALL ACCOUNTS, BILLS, RECEIPTS, BOOKS, PAPERS, AND DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE AND SUBSTANTIATE ANY REPORTS, STATEMENTS, OR RECORDS REQUIRED TO BE MADE PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE FOR 3 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF FILING THE APPLICATION.

(2) THESE PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION UPON REQUEST BY THE COMMISSION AFTER REASONABLE NOTICE.

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[(f) A member of the County Council of Prince George's County who receives any money, goods, or services, directly or indirectly, shall comply with the provisions of Title 6, Subtitle 6 of Article 40A of the Code.]

(F) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(II) "CANDIDATE" MEANS A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY WHO BECOMES A MEMBER.

(III) "CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITTEE" MEANS A COMMITTEE SPECIFICALLY CREATED TO PROMOTE THE CANDIDACY OF A MEMBER RUNNING FOR ANY ELECTIVE OFFICE.

(IV) "CONTRIBUTOR" MEANS A PERSON OR BUSINESS ENTITY THAT MAKES A PAYMENT.

(V) "MEMBER" MEANS A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.