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**Sent via email to: [djbrown@co.pg.md.us](mailto:djbrown@co.pg.md.us)**

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council  
Prince George's County  
1301 McCormick Drive  
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Re: Prince George's County Proposed Ethics Ordinance

Dear Ms. Brown:

At its June 12, 2025 meeting, the State Ethics Commission reviewed proposed changes to the Prince George's County Ethics Ordinance, which you forwarded to the Commission for approval on May 27, 2025, in compliance with Subtitle 8 of the Maryland Public Ethics Law (Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov., Title 5 (Supp. 2024)). These changes were approved by the Commission.

The State Ethics Commission's review was in accord with the Commission's review authority pursuant to Subtitle 8 of the Maryland Public Ethics Law and consisted of a comparison of the proposed revisions to the review criteria of COMAR 19A.04. The review was also in accord with the Commission's understanding of the requirements stated in the Court of Appeals decision in *Seipp v. Baltimore City Board of Elections*, 377 Md. 362, 833 A.2d 551 (2003), as discussed in Opinion No. 06-01 of the Commission's Advisory Opinions.

Prince George's County must submit all future changes to its ethics ordinance for review and approval in compliance with Subtitle 8 of the Maryland Public Ethics Law and COMAR 19A.04. In addition, certification is an annual requirement. Your next certification is due October 1, 2025.

Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding this or any other matter. Thank you for your work on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pansy S. Watson".

Pansy S. Watson  
Assistant Counsel

cc: Leroy D. Maddox, Jr.  
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