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ORDINANCE NUMBER 1325

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE IV,
"PUBLIC ETHICS," OF THE GREENBELT CITY CODE

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2011, the City Council adopted Ordinance 1318 to Repeal Article IV "Ethics" and Reenact Article IV "Public Ethics", of Chapter 2 "Administration: of the Greenbelt City Code to comply with newly enacted State Ethics Law requirements; and

WHEREAS, the State Ethics Commission has completed their review of the City's Public Ethics legislation and require a clarification to Section 2-111 "Prohibited Conduct and Interests" and Section 2-111 "Financial Disclosure – Elected Officials, Appointed Officials, and Employees." NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, that Chapter 2 of the City Code is amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2

ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE IV. ETHICS

Section 2-110. Prohibited Conduct and Interests

(i) Nepotism

(1) No City official or employee shall cause or advocate a member of his or her family to be hired, employed, promoted, transferred or advanced to any full or part-time paid employment of the City or any appointed (non-paid) position.

(2) ~~This prohibition shall not apply to the process of selecting appointed City officials, nor shall a~~ A City official or employee shall not participate in an action relating of the discipline of a member of the City official's or employee's family.

(3) This shall not apply to City employees who marry after they are already City employees. However, in such a situation, neither City employee may directly or indirectly supervise the other City employee; and where possible, they should not work in the same department nor work together.

Section 2-111. Financial Disclosure —Elected Officials, Appointed Officials, and Employees

(d) Candidates to be elected officials.

(1) Except for an official or employee who has filed a Financial Disclosure Statement under another provision of this section for the reporting period, a candidate to be an elected official shall file a Financial Disclosure Statement each year beginning with the year in which the nomination petition is filed through the year of the election.

(2) A candidate to be an elected official shall file a statement required under this section:

(i) In the year the nomination petition is filed, no later than the filing deadline for the nomination petition; and

(ii) In all other years for which a statement is required, on or before April 30.

(3) A candidate to be an elected official:

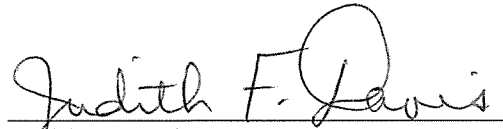
(i) Shall file the statement required under Section 2-111(d)(2)(i) of this Article with the City Clerk with the nomination petition; and

(ii) Shall file the statements required under Section 2-111(d)(2)(ii) of this Article with the City Clerk.

(4) The City Clerk will not authorize a candidate and place said candidate on the ballot unless a the financial statement required under this section has been filed in proper form by the established deadlines.

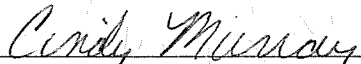
(5) Within 30 days of the receipt of a financial statement required under this section, the City Clerk shall forward the statement to the Commission, or an office designated by the Commission.

Passed by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at its regular meeting of August 13, 2012.



Judith F. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cindy Murray, City Clerk

Key:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

~~Overstriking~~ indicates language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 1324

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE CITY OF GREENBELT TO ISSUE ONE OR MORE TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES IN AMOUNTS NOT TO EXCEED THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,500,000) IN THE AGGREGATE IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF CURRENT TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES, DIRECTING THAT THE PROCEEDS OF SAID NOTES SHALL BE USED FOR GENERAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES HERETOFORE AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF SAID NOTES BY PRIVATE NEGOTIATION TO COLUMBIA BANK IN ACCORD WITH ITS OFFER DATED JULY 27, 2012

WHEREAS, the City receives its largest cash receipt during the month of October from real estate taxes which typically accounts for 35% of total revenue for the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, given the above the City's current cash position is not sufficient to meet its obligations until the receipt of the October real estate tax payments and this delay in receipt of revenues and taxes will result in a temporary shortage of cash; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable for the City to borrow a sum up to, but not to exceed, three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) for the temporary financing of authorized General Fund Expenditures, and to evidence said borrowing by the issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes (Note) of the City; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Bank has offered to provide an Unsecured Revolving Line of Credit until October 31, 2012 that is consistent with the short term lines of credit arranged the past three fiscal years. The City may borrow an aggregate principal amount up to the three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) authorized total at an interest rate equal to 1.75% per annum; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greenbelt, a municipal corporation of the State of Maryland, is authorized and empowered by Sections 31 to 37, inclusive, of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as amended) and by Section 57 of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt to issue Tax Anticipation Notes. NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, that:

SECTION 1 In order to provide for the temporary financing of authorized General Fund operating expenditures; the issue and sale, by private negotiations, of up to three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) on one or more Tax Anticipation Notes is hereby authorized. Said notes shall be designated Promissory Note of 2012 (Note).

SECTION 2 This Note shall be signed by the City Manager and City Treasurer of the City of Greenbelt, and the corporate seal of the City shall be imprinted thereon, attested by the City Clerk. In the event any official whose signature shall appear on the Note shall cease to be such official prior to the delivery of the Note, or in the event any such official whose signature shall appear on the Note shall have become such after the date of issue thereof, the Note shall nevertheless be a valid and binding obligation of the City of Greenbelt in accordance with its terms.

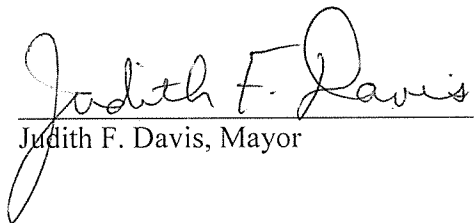
SECTION 3 The offer of Columbia Bank to purchase the Note herein upon the terms recited above is hereby accepted.

SECTION 4 The City Manager and the City Treasurer shall deposit the proceeds of the issuance of the Note into the General Fund bank account, and such proceeds shall be used and are hereby appropriated to pay authorized General Fund operating expenses.

SECTION 5 The payment of principal and interest on this Note shall be rendered at the time of maturity, or anytime prior upon prepayment, from real estate taxes and other revenues which may be received in the City Treasury. Payments will be made to Columbia Bank, 7505 Greenway Center Drive, Greenbelt, Maryland, or at such other place as Columbia Bank may designate in writing, on or before October 31, 2012. The full faith and credit, and unlimited taxing power of the City of Greenbelt are hereby irrevocably and unconditionally pledged to the payment of the Tax Anticipation Note.

SECTION 6 This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at its meeting of August 13, 2012.



Judith F. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cindy Murray, City Clerk