



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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To: The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

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Subject: Proposed Amendments to Administrative Practice 5-61, Lobbying Disclosure

**REQUESTED FOR DEFERRAL – AGENDA ITEM No. 5(d)**

As you can see from the packet, the Legal Department and Corporate Policy and Management Operations Division have been working together on necessary revisions to the agency's Lobbying Disclosure policy (Administrative Practice 5-61). This policy establishes when certain individuals and entities must register and file activity reports with the agency when money is spent, or expenses are incurred, to influence a Commission Action. Proposed revisions to the Practice were shared with senior management.

Under the Maryland Public Ethics Act, the Commission is required to have lobbying disclosure requirements that are "similar to the provisions"<sup>1</sup> of those applicable to individuals and entities who lobby the State. For this reason, our team has also consulted with the State Ethics Commission and requested their input, and we anticipate receiving their comments in time for the next regularly scheduled meeting of our Commission.

For this reason, we recommend that you table the item until your January meeting and, of course, feel free to contact our team if you have questions or comments in the meantime.

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<sup>1</sup> See: Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, Section 5-830(b).