

Ethics Committee Meeting Agenda  
December 5, 2022  
7:00 pm, via Zoom

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Introduction
- Committee Discussion of Whether to Recommend that the Council Consider Expanding the Ethics Code to Apply to All Village Volunteers\*
- Review of Ethics Training Conducted on November 15th
- Review and Revise COI and Oath of Office SOP
- Resident Comments
- Additional Business/Committee Discussion
- Schedule Next Meeting
- Adjournment

The Committee invites and encourages comments to be submitted before the meeting. Please send any such comments to [ethics@martinsadditions.org](mailto:ethics@martinsadditions.org).

Additional information about the VMA Ethics Committee can be found at:  
[https://www.martinsadditions.org/governance/village\\_committees/ethics\\_committee.php](https://www.martinsadditions.org/governance/village_committees/ethics_committee.php)

\*A draft of the proposed ordinance is attached

The Village of Martin's Additions  
(Ethics Ordinance – Definition of Official)

Ordinance No.: 2022-10-1

Introduced:

Adopted:

Effective Date:

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ETHICS ORDINANCE TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF "OFFICIAL" TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF ALL COMMITTEES WHEREAS, Maryland Code, Local Government Article, Section 5-202, as amended, grants to the legislative body of every incorporated municipality in Maryland general power to pass such ordinances not contrary to the Constitution of Maryland, or the public general law, as deemed necessary in order to assure the good government of the municipality, to protect and preserve the municipality's rights, property, and privileges, to preserve peace and good order, to secure persons and property from danger and destruction, and to protect the health, comfort and convenience of the citizens of the municipality;

WHEREAS, Section 501 of the Charter of the Village of Martin's Additions authorizes the Village Council to pass such ordinances as it may deem necessary for the preservation of the property, rights, and privileges of the Village and its residents;

WHEREAS, after proper notice to the public, the Village Council introduced the following Ordinance in an open meeting conducted on the \_\_\_th day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022;

WHEREAS, after proper notice to the public, the Council considered this Ordinance in public session assembled on the \_\_\_th day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing, and the recommendation of the Village Ethics Committee, the Village Council finds that the foregoing Ordinance would assure the good government of the municipality, protect and preserve the municipality's rights, property, and privileges, preserve peace and good order, secure persons and property from danger and destruction, and protect the health, comfort and convenience of the citizens of the Village of Martin's Additions, and is necessary for the preservation of the property, rights, and privileges of the Village and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Council does hereby adopt the following Ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this \_\_\_th day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, by the Village Council, acting under and by virtue of the authority given it by the Maryland Code and the Charter of the Village of Martin's Additions, that the Village Code is hereby amended as follows:

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CHAPTER 4  
ETHICS

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL

Section 4-101. Definitions

For purposes of this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

(a) The “Committee” means the “Village Ethics Committee” as constituted and described in Section 2-101.

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(d) “Public Official” or “Official” means all members of the Village Council; all members of the Election Committee; all members of the Ethics Committee; all members of any other standing or ad-hoc committee or task force; the Village Tree Supervisor; and all persons employed by the Village.

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(Ord. No. 08-15-01, adopted 9/17/15, effective 10/7/15; Ord. No. 11-15-1, adopted 1/21/16, effective 2/10/16; Ord. No. 2021-1-1, adopted 3/18/21, effective 4/7/21)

Section 4-204. Enforcement

(a) The Council may file a petition for injunctive or other relief in a court of competent jurisdiction for the purpose of requiring compliance with this Chapter.

(b) In addition to any other enforcement provisions in this Chapter, any member of either the Election Committee, or the Ethics Committee, or any other standing or ad-hoc committee or task force, or the Tree Supervisor, who is found by the Committee, the Council, or a court to have violated this Chapter with respect to Oath of Service shall be subject to removal by the Council; and any member of the Council who is found by the Committee or a court to have violated this Chapter shall be subject to recall, as provided in the Village Charter.

(c) In addition to any other enforcement provisions in this Chapter, any employee found by the Committee, the Council, or a court to have violated this Chapter shall be subject to disciplinary or other appropriate action, including dismissal or suspension of compensation.

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(d) A violation of this Chapter shall not constitute a civil or criminal infraction. Enforcement of this Chapter shall be limited to the provisions of this Chapter and shall not include the penalties set forth in Chapter 3 of this Code.

(Ord. No. 2021-1-1, adopted 3/18/21, effective 4/7/21)

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, by the Council of the Village of Martin’s Additions, acting under and by virtue of the aforementioned authority, that:

(1) If any part or provision of this ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the part or provision held to be invalid shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any remaining part thereof; and

(2) This Ordinance shall take effect on the \_\_\_th day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 (at least

20 days after adoption).

ATTEST: THE VILLAGE OF MARTIN'S ADDITIONS

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Susan Fattig, Secretary Andrew Kauders, Chair  
Village Council

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Strikethrough indicates material deleted  
\* \* \* indicates material unchanged