

**MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS**

**RESOLUTION 003-07**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND MYLES SPIRES  
AS MAYOR OF FOREST HEIGHTS**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilwoman C. Lynn Smith-Barnes

**ENACTED:** March 6, 2007

**WHEREAS**, Section § 2 (b) (25) of Article 23A of the Maryland Code empowers a municipal legislature to remove or temporarily suspend from office any person who has been appointed to any municipal office and who after due notice and hearing is adjudged to have been guilty of inefficiency, malfeasance, misfeasance, nonfeasance, misconduct in office, or insubordination; and to fill the vacancy caused by such removal or suspension; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 33–93 (b) of the Town Charter states that any Town Official facing pending criminal charges may be subject to suspension of duties pending the outcome of the criminal charges against him.; and

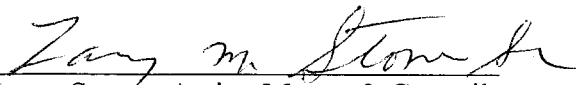
**WHEREAS**, a Prince George’s County Grand Jury has indicted Myles Spires on 7 counts charging Myles Spires, Jr. with theft, embezzlement, misconduct in office, submitting a counterfeit invoice, forgery, uttering and attempt to commit theft in connection with his elected position as Mayor of the Town of Forest Heights. More specifically, the indictment alleges several separate schemes occurring at different times between July 14, 2006 and February 7, 2007. The first three counts allege that Mayor Spires, acting in his capacity as the mayor, stole and embezzled money from the Town of Forest Heights by obtaining false reimbursement checks. Specifically, Count I of the indictment alleges that Spires submitted a false reimbursement expense request for private investigative services in the amount of \$2,500, which the town paid to Spires, while Count II alleges that Spires falsely obtained money by use of purported expense reimbursement checks. The last four counts allege that the Mayor counterfeited, forged and produced to his attorneys a false document entitled "Resolution 01-06-- Payment of Legal Consultants" for the purpose of inducing his attorneys to seek payment for Spires' personal legal fees from the Town of Forest Heights, though no such resolution existed.

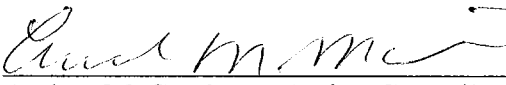
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council views the foregoing cited indictment as meeting the requirements of Section 33–93 (b) of the Town Charter that he can be deemed subject to suspension pending the outcome of the criminal charges against him.

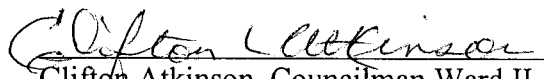
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Myles Spires is hereby suspended as Mayor of Forest Heights until such charges are resolved.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution to shall be effective immediately.

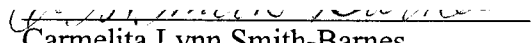
**PASSED THIS DAY OF** March 6, 2007.

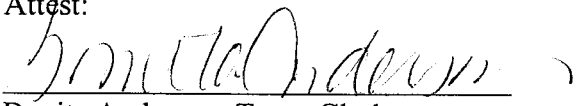
  
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