

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-06 TO ADOPT THE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ENTITLED
LEGISLATIVE PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES ACT OF 2006**

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Myles Spires, Jr.

ENACTED: March 15, 2006

WHEREAS, the Legislative Body of the Town of Forest Heights is committed to properly and fairly protecting the rights of the citizenry of Forest Heights as it relates to any and all operations and dealings utilizing Forest Heights taxpayer's dollars; and

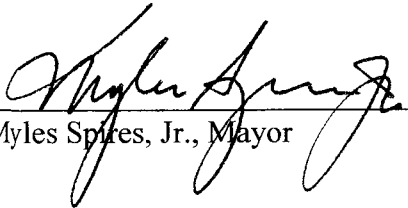
WHEREAS, Article 23A, § 2, empowers the legislative body to have general power to pass such ordinances not contrary to the Constitution of Maryland, public general law, or, except as provided in Article 23A § 2B, public local law as they may deem necessary in order to assure the good government of the 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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Body of Forest Heights shall hereby adopt the Legislative Practices and Procedures Act of 2006 in the Town of Forest Heights. The Code and Ordinances of the Town of Forest Heights shall be modified by adding Article 24 – Legislative Practices and Procedures Act of 2006 which shall read as follows: *All members of the Town Council in the Town of Forest Heights shall abide by the following rules to ensure proper conduct of Town business, proper administrative interaction with agencies outside of the municipality, and proper administration of employees of the Town of Forest Heights. 1) Within thirty days of taking office, the Mayor shall establish, at a minimum, four standing oversight committees to include, Ways and Means, Finance, Public Works and Sanitation, Public Safety, and shall appoint chairs from among the sitting councilpersons to each of these committees. These committees shall provide oversight to their respective areas. The Ways and Means Committee shall serve as liaison entity to ensure proper financial and operational balance is achieved between departments and shall identify sources of potential revenue. 2) No councilperson, other than the Mayor, shall solicit or communicate with agencies with whom the town may or is attempting to procure funding, expedite funding, or manage funding. Permission to make any such communication must be with the written consent of the Mayor. This Act may be expanded by resolution of the legislative body of the Town of Forest Heights as warranted. Violation of this ordinance shall be deemed a municipal infraction subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00; and*


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that non-compliance with this resolution and ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor and may be subject to forfeiture of property, arrest, 6 months in prison and a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED THIS 15 DAY OF MARCH, 2006.

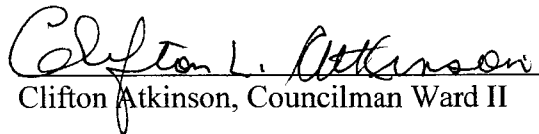


Myles Spires, Jr., Mayor



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Attest:



Bonita Anderson, Town Clerk