

Ordinance No. 822-23

**An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Bel Air Town Code
Chapter 43 Code of Ethics**

WHEREAS, Section 1-1409 Local Government Article of the Code of the State of Maryland requires local government entities to adopt a code of ethics for the authority's directors, officers, and employees; and

WHEREAS, State of Maryland House Bill 363 and House Bill 1058, enacted during the 2021 General Assembly legislative session, made modifications to the State of Maryland Ethics Law requiring changes to local government ethics laws; and

WHEREAS, Town of Bel Air Town Code, Chapter 43, Code of Ethics was last amended by the Board of Town Commissioners on December 3, 2018, by Ordinance No. 787-18; and

WHEREAS, the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners wishes to repeal and replace Bel Air Town Code, Chapter 43, Code of Ethics with the recommended Maryland State Ethics Commission Appendix A - Model Ethics Law A, amended accordingly to reference the Town of Bel Air and related specificities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Town Commissioners that Ordinance 822-23 repealing and replacing Town of Bel Air Town Code Chapter 43 Code of Ethics, attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**, is hereby adopted.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of Town Commissioners that Ordinance 822-23 repealing and replacing Town of Bel Air Town Code Chapter 43 Code of Ethics, shall include revisions to the annual disclosure forms, attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit B**, including: Schedule A: Real Property, Schedule B: Securities, Schedule C: Ownership in Business Entities, Schedule D: Gifts, Schedule E: Debts and Liabilities, Schedule F: Employment and Offices Held, Schedule G: Spouse, Schedule H: Dependent Children, Schedule I: Relationship with State or Local Government, Quasi-Governmental Entity or

University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS), Schedule J: Clients Represented before the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners, Schedule K: Businesses Regulated by the Town of Bel Air, Schedule X: Other, plus, cover sheets including affirmations and acknowledgements, as well as, additional information and guidance in the form of questions and answers, are hereby adopted.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective on the twenty-first (21st) day after passage unless petitioned to referendum.

INTRODUCTION: December 18, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING: January 16, 2024

ENACTMENT:

EFFECTIVE:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Paula S. Etting, Chair
Board of Town Commissioners

Michael Krantz, Town Clerk