



TO: Candidates for County Executive and County Council

FROM: Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission

DATE: March 4, 2021

RE: Financial Disclosure Statement for Candidates for County Elective Office

Candidates for the elective offices of County Executive or County Council are required by [§7-6-101](#) of the Public Ethics Law to file Financial Disclosure Statements (“FDS”).

The ethics law, at [§7-6-103](#), sets forth the deadlines and other requirements for filing. These deadlines and other requirements are summarized here:

1. A candidate **MUST** file the first FDS no later than the filing of the certificate of candidacy.
2. The FDS must be filed in “proper form,” that is, each item must be completely filled out, it must be signed under oath and dated, and it must be legible. The board of elections supervisors **MAY NOT ACCEPT** an FDS that does not meet these criteria.
3. The first FDS filed will cover the period January 1-December 31 of the **PREVIOUS** year.
4. If the candidate filed a certificate of candidacy in the calendar year before the year of the election, the candidate must file a second FDS during the election year. This second FDS must be filed by or before April 30, or by the last day for withdrawal of the candidacy, whichever comes first.
5. If the second FDS is not filed within 20 days after the candidate receives written notice from the board of election supervisors of the failure to file, the candidate is deemed to have withdrawn their candidacy.
6. The board of election supervisors will forward the FDS to the ethics commission within 30 days after it is received. The ethics commission shall maintain these records for access to the public upon request.

The [Financial Disclosure Statement](#) is available online. A page of definitions is also available online for use in filling out the form. The ethics commission staff is available to answer questions, or assist with filling out the FDS.