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- XX-3. Payment of salary or other expenditure of County funds to or for the benefit of a person or an organization in which he or she was affiliated for service performed by the person in violation of section XX-1 is prohibited and, if knowingly made or authorized by County official or employee, shall be a misdemeanor, subject to a fine not to exceed \$2500 and incarceration not to exceed sixty (60) days, and grounds for removal by the Council from elected or other County office or employment by the County pursuant to the procedure for such removal provided elsewhere in this Code.
- XX-4. Any County official or employee who makes or authorizes payment of County funds in violation section XX-3 and a person who receives such salary or benefit after notification (or with knowledge) that it has been paid or provided in violation of these provisions shall be personally liable to the County for such salary and the reasonable cost of any benefit retained by the person, and the reasonable court costs and attorney's fees to enforce that liability.
- XX-5. The salary for a position of employment by the County shall be the amount stated for the position in the County's budget or in the County Charter or Code and may not be increased except by amendment thereof or as may be required by applicable law or regulations thereunder. A person who knowingly makes or authorizes payment of County funds for salary in excess of that stated or properly increased amount shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and subject to a fine not to exceed \$2500 and incarceration not to exceed sixty (60) days. Such payment or authorization thereof shall be grounds for removal by the Council from elected or other County office or employment by the County pursuant to the procedure for such removal provided elsewhere in this Code. This section reflects the power of the governing body of the County under section 12-102 of the Local Government Article of the Maryland Code to determine the compensation of the appointed officers and employees of the County,
- XX-6 Someone who knowingly makes or authorizes payment of County funds for salary in violation of section XX-5 or who receives any salary paid or provided in violation thereof shall be personally liable to the County for such salary and the reasonable court costs and attorney's fees to enforce that liability.