VILLAGE CONTRIBUTION POLICY

RECITALS

- 1. Chevy Chase Village is an incorporated municipality established pursuant to Article XI-E of the Maryland Constitution.
- 2. The primary sources of revenues to the Village government are taxes on real and personal property located in the Village and the Village's share of State income taxes paid by Village residents.
- 3. Section 77-6(f) of the Village Charter authorizes the Board of Managers to use tax and other revenues for the following purposes:

maintaining, repairing, and lighting the streets, roads, alleys, and sidewalks; for parking facilities, drainage, sanitation and their maintenance; improvements, including surface drainage and other sewage, so far as the same is not provided for by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, for the construction of parks and sidewalks on property held in the name of Chevy Chase Village, or acquired by the Board of Managers in the public interest, or which has been dedicated to Chevy Chase Village; for the rebuilding or reconstruction of any existing improvement on any dedicated street, road or lane where the wear by vehicular or pedestrian traffic along such street, road or lane requires such rebuilding or reconstruction; for the building or rebuilding of curbs on existing improved gutters where such curbs are required to prevent damage to parking or private property from water flowing from such gutters; for paying the principal as necessary on bonds, notes,

certificates of indebtedness or other evidence of indebtedness issued for any improvement authorized in this Act [Charter]; for managerial, clerical, legal and other incidental service and expense, including the payment of the premium on all authorized bonds or evidence of indebtedness, the employer's share of a retirement or a social security system, for furnishing police and fire protection and other public services including the removal of ashes, garbage and other refuse and the disposal thereof; for the employment of a manager or superintendent of Public Service and a building inspector to enforce the requirements of all covenants for property situated in said corporate area; for enforcing such building regulations and other ordinances and regulations which said Board of Managers may prescribe for Chevy Chase Village; and for the payment of all other municipal services required for the health, safety, and welfare of Chevy Chase Village.

4. Article 23A, Section 2 of the Maryland Code authorizes municipalities, such as the Village, to pass ordinances and to perform various specified municipal functions:

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 . . .

- 5. From time to time individuals and organizations have requested that the Board of Managers contribute funds to other entities for governmental or other charitable purposes.
- 6. The Board recognizes that the primary purposes for which Village funds should be expended are those identified in

Section 77-6(f) of the Village Charter and Article 23A of the Maryland Code.

- 7. The Board finds that there are circumstances in which another entity may be providing facilities or services that serve the purposes for which Village funds may be expended pursuant to the Village Charter and/or Maryland law.
- 8. The Board finds that establishing a policy regarding contributions will provide for the equitable and consistent treatment of those requesting contributions and help to ensure that Village contributions are used for purposes consistent with the Village's authority under the Village Charter and State law and the purposes for which the funds were received by the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chevy Chase Board of Managers this 9th day of July, 2007, that the Board of Managers may make, but shall not be required to make, a contribution if the following criteria are met.

1. The contribution will provide a direct and material benefit to a significant number of Village residents. Expenditures that provide benefits to the public at large which do not benefit Village residents to an extent that is materially greater than the benefit to the general public will not be deemed to meet these criteria.

2. The contribution will support a capital improvement or other extraordinary need of a public institution, program or facility, as distinguished from supporting a current operating budget.

3. The contribution will supplement and not supplant funds from the requestor's primary funding source.

4. The contribution is important to the success of the project.

5. The request must be made by a Village resident.

6. The recipient of the contribution must be a governmental or quasi-governmental entity or a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code that supports a public institution, program or facility.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers on the 9th day of July, 2007.

Douglas B. Kamerow, Chair

Chevy Chase Village

Board of Managers

ATTEST:

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