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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

Candidate's Certificate of Announcement for 2016 Partisan Elections

(WV Code §3-5-7)

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETE IN ORDER TO BE ACCEPTED. READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

(1) **Date of Election:** (Check one)

Primary - May 10, 2016

General - November 8, 2016

Unexpired Term

(2) **Name of office sought:** Circuit Clerk

(3) **District:** n/a

(4) **Candidate's Legal Name:** Benjamin Philip Svendsen
(First, middle and last name)

(5) **Candidate's Name to appear on Ballot:** Ben Svendsen
(limited to 25 characters)

(6) **I am a resident and legally qualified voter of the county of:** Jefferson County

(6)(a) **Magisterial District:** (if applicable)

(7) **Current residence address:** 295 Hawthorne Ave
(Specific address where candidate resides at time of filing.)

Summit Point WV 25446

(8) **Mailing Address:**
(if different from residence address above)

Daytime Phone (for public use)

Email Address (for public use)

Campaign Phone (for public use)

Campaign Web Site

Campaign Committee Name (if applicable)

(9) **I am a member of and affiliated with the following political party:** Republican. I am a member of and affiliated with this political party as evidenced by my current voter's registration and I have not been registered as a member of another political party within 60 days of this date. (W.Va. Code §3-5-7(d)(6))

I swear and affirm that I am a candidate for this office in good faith, that I am eligible and qualified to hold this office and that the information provided on this form is true.

Benjamin Svendsen
Candidate's Signature (Must be notarized)

February 16, 2016
Date

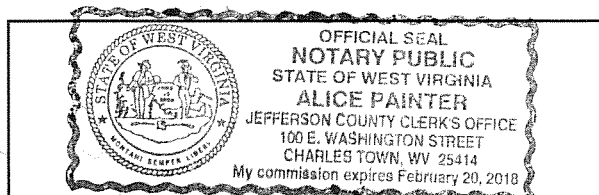
(Notary Public use only)

State of West Virginia, County of Jefferson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th

day of February, 2016.

Alice Painter
Signature of Notary Public or official authorized to give oaths



CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

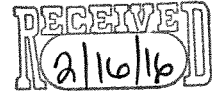
STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

Gary A. Collias, Chair

Taylor B. Downs

Vincent P. Cardi

Vacant



The Hon. Natalie E. Tennant, Secretary of State (Ex-Officio Member)

The State Election Commission and the Secretary of State invite you to subscribe and adhere to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. If you decide to participate and are running for a county office, please file this document with your county clerk; for a statewide, legislative or judicial office, please file with the Secretary of State.

THIS CODE IS VOLUNTARY; HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 1B OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CODE

There are basic principles of decency, honesty and fair play which every candidate for public office in the United States has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues before the country. THEREFORE:

I SHALL CONDUCT this campaign openly and publicly, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting positions and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing without fear or favor the record and policies of candidates or political parties which merit such criticism.

I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his or her personal or family life.

I SHALL CONDEMN the use of campaign advertising or communication of any sort which misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts regarding any candidate or issue raised in my campaign.

I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, religion, national origin, physical disability, or age.

I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT any dishonest or unethical practice which tends to corrupt or undermine our system of free elections, or which hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters including acts intended to hinder, prevent or discourage any eligible person from registering to vote, or from voting, or which is intended to affect voting through the buying of influence or votes.

I SHALL NOT COERCE election help or campaign contributions for myself or my committee or for any other candidate or any ballot issue from my employees or from any person under my authority, influence or control.

I SHALL IMMEDIATELY AND PUBLICLY REPUDIATE support on behalf of or in opposition to any candidacy deriving from any individual or group which resorts to the methods and tactics which I condemn. I shall accept responsibility to take firm action against any subordinate or associate who violates any provisions of this code or the laws governing elections.

I PERSONALLY SUPPORT a limit on campaign expenditures that when reasonable, sufficient and fairly applied, does not limit or restrict the expression of ideas of the candidate or others on behalf of the candidate, but instead challenges individuals to engage in open dialogue on the issues rather than merely to purchase the excessive repetition of images and slogans.

ACCORDINGLY, IF I AM A CANDIDATE for one of the offices listed below, I will, in conjunction with the committee or committees organized on my behalf, adhere to the following limits on campaign spending specified for the office I seek.

	<u>PRIMARY</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>
Governor	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Constitutional Officers	150,000	150,000
Supreme Court of Appeals	150,000	150,000
State Senate	50,000	50,000
House of Delegates	25,000	25,000
Circuit Judge	50,000	50,000

Expenditures which do not exceed the limits designated for the primary election may not be added to the limits for the general election.

I SHALL DEFEND AND UPHOLD the right of every qualified voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

I, the undersigned, a candidate for election to public office in the State of West Virginia, or the chairperson of a political committee supporting one or more candidates for election, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct this campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices. I understand that subscription and adherence to the code is voluntary.

02/16/2016

Date

Signature

295 Handlorne Ave, Summit Point, WV

Address and City

Committee for/Committee Name

Names of individuals signing this Code will be provided to the public. We encourage you to publicize the fact that you have signed this code and challenge your opponents to do likewise.

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Certification of Appointment by Executive Committee Chair
To Fill Vacancy on the Primary Election Ballot

To: Secretary of State (ALL Legislative and multi-county offices)
County Clerk (for single-county office)

Date: Feb 16, 2016

I hereby certify that the Republican Executive Committee, in a duly called meeting held at Clarion Inn on the 30 day of January 2016 met to appoint a nominee for the office listed below. However, the committee failed to make that nomination at this meeting. Therefore, as duly elected chairman of the above committee, I hereby appoint, under the provisions of West Virginia Code §3-5-11, the following person to fill the vacancy in candidate filing of the Republican Party for the office of Circuit Clerk in the N/A district (if any) to be placed on the primary election ballot:

Name of candidate: Benjamin P. Svendsen
Residence address: 295 Hawthorne Ave
City: Summit Point State WV Zip 25446

As chairman of the above committee, I hereby certify this appointment to fill the present vacancy on the ballot caused by failure of candidate to file
(give reason, e.g. failure of candidate to file, withdrawal of candidate).

Michael Ashley
Signature of Chairman

Michael K. Ashley
Chairman's name (Please print)

Po Box 443
Address

Charles Town WV 25414
City/State/Zip

304-596-3467
Telephone

*Filing must be received by proper officer no later than the third Tuesday following the close of candidate filing, along with the candidate's certificate of announcement and the filing fee.



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