

TOWN OF YORK

Local Law No. 1, 1970

A Local Law to establish a code of ethics for the Town of York, Livingston County, New York.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of York, as follows:

Section 1. Title. This local law shall be known and may be cited as "Code of Ethics, Town of York".

Section 2. Definitions:

a. Municipal officer or employee shall mean an officer or employee of the Town of York, whether paid or unpaid, including members of any administrative board; commission or other agency thereof. No person shall be deemed to be a municipal officer or employee solely by reason of being a volunteer fireman or civil defense volunteer, except a chief and the assistant chief.

b. Interest means a pecuniary or material benefit accruing to a municipal officer or employee unless the context otherwise requires.

Section 3. Application. Every municipal officer and employee shall be subject to and abide by the standards of conduct set forth herein.

Section 4. Standards of Conduct. Every municipal officer and employee:

a. Gifts. Shall not directly or indirectly, solicit any gift; or accept or receive any gift having a value of twenty-five dollars or more, whether in the form of money, services, loan, travel, entertainment, hospitality, thing or promise, or any other form, under circumstances in which it could reasonably be inferred that the gift was intended to influence him, or could reasonably be expected to influence him in the performance of his official duties or was intended as a reward for any official action on his part.

b. Confidential information. Shall not disclose confidential information acquired by him in the course of his official duties or use such information to further his personal interest.

c. Representation before one's own agency. Shall not receive, or enter into any agreement, express or implied, for compensation for services to be rendered in relation to any matter before any municipal agency of which he is an officer, member or employee or of any municipal agency over which he has jurisdiction or to which he has the power to appoint any member, officer or employee.

d. Representation before any agency for a contingent fee. Shall not receive, or enter into any agreement, express or implied for compensation for services to be rendered in relation to any matter before any agency of his municipality, whereby his compensation is to be dependent or contingent upon any action by such agency with respect to such matter, provided that this paragraph shall not prohibit the fixing at any time or fees based upon the reasonable value of the services rendered.

e. Disclosure of interest in legislation. To the extent that he knows thereof, a member of the Town Board and any officer or employee of the Town of York, whether paid or unpaid, who participates in the discussion or gives official opinion to the Town Board on any legislation before the Town Board shall publicly disclose on the official record the nature and extent of any direct or indirect financial or other private interest he has in such legislation.

f. Investments in conflict with official duties. Shall not invest or hold any investment directly or indirectly in any financial business, commercial or other private transaction, which creates a conflict with his official duties.

g. Private employment. Shall not engage in, solicit, negotiate for or promise to accept private employment or render services for private interests when such employment or service creates a conflict with or

impairs the proper discharge of his official duties.

h. Future employment. Shall not, after the termination of service or employment with such municipality, appear before any board of agency of the Town of York in relation to any case, proceeding or application in which he personally participated during the period of his service or employment or which was under his active consideration.

Section 5. Exceptions. Nothing herein shall be deemed to bar or prevent the timely filing by a present or former municipal officer or employee of any claim, account, demand or suit against the Town of York, or any agency thereof on behalf of himself or any member of his family arising out of any personal injury or property damage or for any lawful benefit authorized or permitted by law.

Section 6. Notice. The Supervisor of the Town of York, shall cause a copy of this local law to be distributed to every municipal officer and employee of the Town within ten (10) days after the effective date thereof. Every officer and employee elected or appointed thereafter shall be furnished a copy prior to entering upon the duties of his office or employment.

Section 7. Penalty. In addition to any penalty contained in any other provision of law, hereby made applicable, any person who shall knowingly and intentionally violate any of the provisions of this local law may be fined, suspended or removed from office, in the manner provided by law therefore.

Section 8. Effective date. This local law shall become effective pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

*Approved 11/5/70
Edmund J. Hultart Sup*