

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 FOR 1970
VILLAGE OF ADDISON, STEUBEN COUNTY, NEW YORK

CODE OF ETHICS OF THE VILLAGE OF ADDISON

A local law establishing standards of conduct for officers and employees of the Village of Addison. Be it enacted by Board of Trustees of the Village of Addison as follows:

Section 2. Definition, (a) "**Municipal Officer or Employee**" means an officer or employee of the Village of Addison, 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 engineer or assistant chief engineer.

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

Section 3. **Standards of Conduct.** Every officer or employee of the Village of Addison shall be subject to and abide by the following standards of conduct:

(a) **Gifts.** He 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.** He 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.** He 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.** He 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 of 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 Board of Trustees and any officer or employee of the Village of Addison, whether paid or unpaid, who participates in the discussion or gives official opinion to the Board of Trustees on any legislation before the Board of Trustees 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.** He 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.** He 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.** He shall not, after the termination of service or employment with such municipality, appear before any board or agency of the Village of Addison in relation to any case, proceeding or application in which he personally participated during the period of his service of employment or which was under his active consideration.

Section 4. 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 Village of Addison 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 5. **Distribution of Code of Ethics.** The Mayor of the Village of Addison shall cause a copy of this code of ethics to be distributed to every officer and employee of the Village of Addison within 30 days after the effective date of this local law. Each officer and employee elected or appointed thereafter shall be furnished a copy before entering upon the duties of his office or employment.

Section 6. **Penalties.** In addition to any penalty contained in any other provision of law, any person who shall knowingly and intentionally violate any of the provisions of this code may be fined, suspended or removed from office or employment, as the case may be, in the manner provided by law.

Section 7. **Effective date.** This local law shall take effect 10 days after it is filed as provided in section twenty-seven of the municipal home rule law.