

Chapter 17

ETHICS, CODE OF

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GENERAL REFERENCES

Ethics in purchasing — See Ch. 32.

Ethical standards for building inspectors — See Ch. 55.

§ 17-1. Purpose.

Pursuant to the provisions of § 806 of the General Municipal Law, the Town Board of the Town of Brunswick recognizes that there are rules of ethical conduct for public officers and employees which must be observed if a high degree of moral conduct is to be obtained and if public confidence is to be maintained in our unit of local government. It is the purpose of this chapter to promulgate these rules of ethical conduct for the officers and employees of the Town of Brunswick. These rules shall serve as a guide for official conduct of the officers and employees of the Town of Brunswick. The rules of ethical conduct of this chapter, as adopted, shall not conflict with but shall be in addition to any prohibition of Article 18 of the General Municipal Law or any other general or special law relating to ethical conduct and interest in contracts of municipal officers and employees.

§ 17-2. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

INTEREST — A pecuniary or material benefit accruing to a municipal officer or employee, unless the context otherwise requires.

MUNICIPAL OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE — An officer or employee of the Town of Brunswick, 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.

§ 17-3. Standards of conduct.

Every officer or employee of the Town of Brunswick shall be subject to and abide by the following standards of conduct:

out of any personal injury or property damage or for any lawful benefit authorized or permitted by law.

§ 17-5. Distribution of copies.

The Supervisor of the Town of Brunswick shall cause a copy of this Code of Ethics to be distributed to every officer and employee of the Town of Brunswick within 30 days after the effective date of this chapter. Each officer and employee elected or appointed thereafter shall be furnished a copy before entering upon the duties of his office or employment.

§ 17-6. Penalties for offenses.

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.