

Chapter 21

ETHICS, CODE OF

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Callicoon 1-4-1971 by resolution. Section 21-1 amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I. Other amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 21-1. Purpose.¹

Pursuant to the provisions of § 806 of the General Municipal Law, the Town Board of the Town of Callicoon, Sullivan County, 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 system. It is the purpose of this chapter to promulgate these rules of ethical conduct for the officers and employees of the Town of Callicoon, Sullivan County, New York. These rules shall serve as a guide for official conduct of the officers and employees of the Town of Callicoon, Sullivan County. The rules of ethical conduct of this code, 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.

¹ Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.

§ 21-2. Definitions.

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

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

MUNICIPAL OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE — An officer or employee of the Town of Callicoon, Sullivan County, whether paid or unpaid, including members of any administrative board, committee or other unit thereof.

§ 21-3. Standards of conduct.

Every officer or employee of the Town of Callicoon, Sullivan County, 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 (\$25.) or more, whether in the form of money, service, 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. 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.
- D. 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.

§ 21-4. Distribution.

The Town Clerk of the Town of Callicoon, Sullivan County, shall cause a copy of this Code of Ethics to be distributed to every officer and employee of the Town of Callicoon, Sullivan County. Each officer or employee employed or appointed thereafter shall be furnished a copy before entering upon the duties of his office of employment.

§ 21-5. 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 suspended or removed from office or employment, as the case may be, in the manner provided by law.