

CODE OF ETHICS

Town of Savannah

Every officer or employee of the Town of Savannah shall be subject to and abide by the following standard of conduct.

- (a) He shall not directly or indirectly, solicit any gift or knowingly accept or receive any gift having a value of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars or more, whether in the form of money, services, loan, travel, entertainment, hospitality, thing or promise, or any other form, given to him/or his immediate family, under circumstances in which it could be 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) 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) 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 or of any municipal agency over which he has the power to directly influence the policy or decision thereof.
- (d) 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. Agency herein shall not be interpreted to include the judicial court system of the town.

- (e) To the extent that he knows thereof, a member of the Town Board and any officer or employee of the Town of Savannah, whether paid or unpaid, who participates in the discussion or gives official opinion to the Town Board or other official policy making agency on any matter before said Town Board or agency shall publicly disclose on the official record the nature and extent of any direct or indirect financial or other personal interest he has in such legislation.
- (f) Every application, petition or request submitted for a variance, amendment, change of zoning, approval of a plat, exemption from a plat or official map, license or permit, pursuant to the provisions of any ordinance, local law, rule or regulation constituting the zoning and planning regulations of a municipality shall state the name, residence and the nature and extent of the interest of any state officer, or any officer or employee of such municipality or of a municipality of which such municipality is a part, in the person, partnership or association making such application, petition or request to the extent known to such applicant. Further reference is made to Section 809 of

the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

- (g) He shall not invest or hold any investment directly or indirectly in a financial, business, commercial or other private transaction, which creates a conflict with his official duties.
- (h) 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.
- (i) He shall not use his official municipal position to intentionally secure special consideration or privileges for himself or others by interceding directly in the function of any municipal agency.
- (j) He shall not after the termination of service or employment with such municipality, appear before any board or agency of the Town of Savannah in relation to any case, proceeding or application in which he personally participated during the period of his direct consideration.

Nothing herein shall be deemed to bar or prevent the timely filing by a present or former municipal officer or employee of any claims, account, demand or suit against the Town of Savannah, 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.

The Supervisor of the Town Board of the Town of Savannah shall cause a copy of this code of ethics to be distributed to every officer and employee of the Town of Savannah within thirty (30) days after the effective date. Each officer and employee

thereafter elected, appointed and employed shall be furnished a copy before entering upon the duties of his office or employment.

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.

This code shall take effect immediately.