#### LOCAL LAW NO. "B" FOR 2008

LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY  $\mathbf{OF}$ ALBANY, NEW YORK **ESTABLISHING** A **NEW** CODE OF **ETHICS** AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE LAW FOR OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF ALBANY COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Introduced: 2/11/08

By Messrs. Horstmyer, Nichols, Higgins, Ms. McKnight and Mr. Clenahan:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY AS FOLLOWS:

#### SECTION 1. Title.

This local law shall be known and may be cited as the "Code of Ethics and Financial Disclosure Law of the County of Albany."

# SECTION 2. Repeal of Existing County Ethics Laws.

Local Law No. 8 for 1992 is hereby repealed and replaced by this local law.

# SECTION 3. Purpose.

The purposes of this local law are:

- (a) To establish high standards of ethical conduct for officers and employees of the County;
- (b) To afford officers and employees of the County clear guidance on such standards:
- (c) To promote the integrity of the governance and administration of the County and its agencies and administrative offices, and public confidence in the same, by requiring members, officials and employees of the County, whether elected or appointed, paid or unpaid, to be independent, impartial and free from conflicts of interest in fulfilling their public responsibilities;
- (d) To facilitate consideration of potential ethical problems before they arise, minimize unwarranted suspicion, and enhance the accountability of government to the people by requiring public disclosure of financial interests that may influence or be perceived to influence the actions of County officers and employees; and
- (e) To provide for the fair and effective administration of this local law.

#### SECTION 4. Definitions.

Unless otherwise stated or unless the context otherwise requires, when used in this local law:

- 1. "Ability to influence", as used in section 4(15) of this local law, shall mean that a County officer or employee has the power or duty to individually, or as a member of the County Legislature or a board of the County:
  - (a) negotiate, draft, authorize or approve a contract or agreement as between the County and a person engaged in business dealings with the County;
  - (b) authorize or approve payment to a person engaged in business dealings with the County under such contract or agreement with the County;
  - (c) audit bills or claims under such contract or agreement with the County; or
  - (d) appoint an officer or employee who has any of the powers or duties set forth above.
- 2. "Appear" and "appear before" shall mean communicating in any form, including, without limitation, personally, through another person, by letter, by telephone, or by electronic correspondence.
- 3. "Business" as shall mean a commercial enterprise carried on for profit.
- 4. "Business dealings with the County" shall mean any-transaction with the County involving the sale, purchase, rental, disposition or exchange of any goods, services, or property, any license, permit, grant or benefit, and any performance of or litigation with respect to any of the foregoing, but shall not include any transaction involving a public servant's residence or any ministerial matter.
- 5. "Business relationship" shall mean a contract or agreement with another person whereby one party to the dealing would receive services or goods in exchange for the payment from the other of a sum, fee, charge, or commission.
- 6. "Candidate" shall mean any person who, in an attempt to hold an elective position in the County Legislature or one of the Countywide elective offices set forth in Article 8 of the County Law who: a) receives the nomination of a political party, b) files a designating petition for nomination at a primary election, c) seeks independent nomination and who obtains the requisite number of signatures on an independent nominating petition as required by Election Law section 6-142(2), or d) receives the designation of a committee to fill vacancies pursuant to Election Law sections 6-148 and 6-152. The terms "party", "designation", "primary election", "nomination" and "independent nomination" as used in this Local Law shall have the same meanings as those contained in New York Election Law section 1-104 and New York Election Law section 6-140.
- 7. "Charity of interest" as used in this local law shall mean a charity from which

- a person, or his or her spouse, minor children, or dependents receive a direct or indirect pecuniary or material benefit, or a charity that a person, his or her spouse, minor children, or dependents serve as a director, trustee, officer, or employee.
- 8. "Confidential Information" shall mean any data acquired through the course of employment or public office with the County of Albany that is protected from disclosure by law.
- 9. "Corporation" shall include an artificial person or being, endowed by law with the capacity of perpetual succession, and shall include corporations organized as public, private, charitable, civil, domestic, foreign, close, open, municipal and not-for-profit institutions.
- 10. "County" means the County of Albany but shall not include the County court.
- 11. "County officer or employee" shall mean any officer or employee of the County whether paid or unpaid, and includes, without limitation, all members of any office, board, body, advisory board, council, commission, agency, department, district, administration, division, bureau, or committee of the County. "County officer or employee" shall not include:
  - (i) A judge, justice, officer, or employee of the unified court system; or
  - (ii) A member of an advisory board of the County if, but only if, the advisory board has no authority to implement its recommendations or to act on behalf of the County, or to restrict the authority of the County to act. No entity established pursuant to the General Municipal Law of the State of New York shall be deemed an advisory board for purposes of this paragraph.
- 12. "Customer or client" shall mean (a) any person or entity to which an officer or employee has supplied goods or services during the previous twenty-four months, having, in the aggregate, a value greater than \$250, or (b) any person or entity to which the outside employer or business of a County official or employee has supplied goods or services during the previous twenty-four months, having, in the aggregate, a value greater than \$250, but only if the County officer or employee knows or has reason to know that his or her outside employer or business supplied such goods or services.
- 13. "Employer" shall mean any person who controls and directs a worker under an express or implied contract of hire.
- 14. "Ethics Commission" shall mean the Ethics Commission of the County of Albany established pursuant to this local law.
- 15. "Family" shall include a spouse and unemancipated minor children residing in the same household with their parents.
- 16. "Gift" and "gratuity" shall mean anything of more than nominal value given to a County officer or employee in any form including, but not limited to money, service, loan, travel, lodging, means, refreshments, entertainment, discount, forbearance, or promise, having a monetary value.

The following are excluded from the definition of a gift and gratuity:

- (i) complimentary attendance, including food and beverage, at bona fide charitable or political events, and food and beverage of a nominal value offered other than as part of a meal;
- (ii) complimentary attendance, food and beverage offered by the sponsor of an event that is widely attended or was in good faith intended to be widely attended, when attendance at the event is related to the attendee's duties or responsibilities as a County officer or employee or allows the officer or employee to perform a ceremonial function appropriate to his or her position;
- (iii) awards, plaques, and other ceremonial items which are publicly presented, or intended to be publicly presented, in recognition of public service, provided that the item or items are of the type customarily bestowed at such or similar ceremonies and are otherwise reasonable under the circumstances, and further provided that the functionality of such items shall not determine whether such items are permitted under this paragraph;
- (iv) an honorary degree bestowed upon an officer or employee by a public or private college or university;
- (v) promotional items having no substantial resale value such as pens, mugs, calendars, hats, and t-shirts which bear an organization's name, logo, or message in a manner which promotes the organization's cause;
- (vi) goods and services, or discounts for goods and services, offered to the general public or a segment of the general public defined on a basis other than status as an officer or employee and offered on the same terms and conditions as the goods or services are offered to the general public or segment thereof;
- (vii) gifts from a family member, member of the same household, or person with a personal relationship with the County officer or employee, including invitations to attend personal or family social events, when the circumstances establish that it is the family, household, or personal relationship that is the primary motivating factor; in determining motivation, the following factors shall be among those considered: (A) the history and nature of the relationship between the donor and the recipient, including whether or not items have previously been exchanged; (B) whether the item was purchased by the donor; and (C) whether or not the donor at the same time gave similar items to other County officers or employees; the transfer shall not be considered to be motivated by a family, household, or personal relationship if the donor seeks to charge or deduct the value of such item as a business expense or seeks reimbursement from a client;
- (viii) contributions reportable under article fourteen of the election law;
- (ix) travel reimbursement or payment for transportation, meals and accommodations for an attendee, panelist or speaker at an informational event when such reimbursement or payment is made by a governmental

- entity or by an in-state accredited public or private institution of higher education that hosts the event on its campus, provided, however, that the County official may only accept lodging from an institution of higher education: (A) at a location on or within close proximity to the host campus; and (B) for the night preceding and the nights of the days on which the attendee, panelist or speaker actually attends the event;
- (x) provision of local transportation to inspect or tour facilities, operations or property owned or operated by the entity providing such transportation, provided, however, that payment or reimbursement of lodging, meals or travel expenses to and from the locality where such facilities, operations or property are located shall be considered to be gifts unless otherwise permitted under this subdivision; and
- (xi) meals or refreshments when participating in a professional or educational program and the meals of refreshments are provided to all participants.
- 17. "Household" shall mean a domestic unit consisting of the members of a family who live together along with non-relatives.
- 18. "Ministerial act" shall mean an action performed in a prescribed manner without the exercise of judgment or discretion as to the propriety of the act.
- 19. "Outside employer or business" shall mean:
  - (i) Any activity, other than service to the County from which the County officer or employee receives compensation for services rendered or goods sold or produced;
  - (ii) Any entity, other than the County of which the County officer or employee is a member, officer, director, or employee and from which he or she receives compensation for services rendered or goods sold or produced; or
  - (iii) Any entity in which the County officer or employee has an ownership interest, except a corporation of which the County officer or employee owns less than five percent of the outstanding stock. For purposes of this definition, "compensation" shall not include reimbursement for necessary expenses, including travel expenses.
- 20. "Person" shall mean both individuals and entities, including a charity, business, or corporation.
- 21. "Personally identifiable information" shall mean information that can be used to uniquely identify, contact, or locate a single person or can be used with other sources to uniquely identify a single individual.
- 22. "Policy Making Official" shall include the County Executive, all members of the County Legislature, the County Comptroller, the Commissioners, directors, and supervisors of all county departments, and those employees of officials involved in the negotiation, authorization, or approval of contracts, licenses, and permits.
- 23. "Professional license" shall mean a privilege granted by the State of New York to conduct an occupation or trade.

- 24. "Relative" shall mean the spouse, child, stepchild, parent or step-parent, sibling or step-sibling, niece or nephew, uncle or aunt, or grandparent or grandchild of either a County official or the spouse of the county official, or any person claimed as a dependent by a County officer or employee on his or her latest income tax return, and the spouses or registered domestic partners of such relatives.
- 25. "Spouse" shall mean the husband, wife, or registered domestic partner of the reporting individual unless living separate and apart from the reporting individual pursuant to: (i) a judicial order, decree or a judgment, or (ii) a legally binding separation agreement.
- 26. "Subordinate officer or employee" shall mean a County officer or employee ranking below and performing under the direction of another officer or employee. For the purposes of this local law, an officer or employee, unless elected to his or her County position, is considered subordinate to each member and employee of the County Legislature.

# SECTION 5. Code of Ethics for County Officers and Employees.

# 1. General prohibition.

A County officer or employee shall not use his or her official position or office, or take or fail to take any action, in a manner which he or she knows or has reason to know may result in a personal financial benefit for any of the following persons:

- (a) the County officer or employee;
- (b) a member of his or her household, including a spouse and his or her dependents, or the employer or business of any of these people;
- (c) a relative, or the employer or business of a relative;
- (d) his or her outside employer or business:
- (e) a customer or client;
- (f) a person from whom he or she has received any gift during the preceding twelve months.
- (g) a person to whom he or she owes more than \$1,000;
- (h) a person who owes the County officer or employee more than \$250; and
- (i) a charity of interest.

#### 2. Recusal.

A County officer or employee shall promptly recuse himself or herself from acting on a matter before the County when acting on the matter, or failing to act on the matter, may financially benefit any of the persons listed in subdivision 1 of this

section.

#### 3. Gifts.

- (a) A County officer or employee shall not solicit or accept any gift from any person whose business dealings such County officer or employee has had the ability to influence within the previous twenty-four (24) months.
- (b) A County officer or employee shall not solicit or accept any gift from any person who the County officer or employee knows or has reason to know has sought business dealings with the County agency of such County officer or employee within the previous twenty-four (24) months.

## 4. Representation.

A County officer or employee shall not represent any other person in any matter that person has before the County nor represent any other person in any matter against the interests of the County.

# 5. Appearances.

A County officer or employee shall not appear before any agency of the County, except on his or her own behalf or on behalf of the County agency or County office with which such officer or employee is employed.

## 6. Confidential information.

A County officer or employee and any former County officer or employee shall not disclose any confidential information or use any such confidential information to further the personal or pecuniary interests of any person.

# 7. Use of County property.

No County officer or employee shall use or permit the use of County property (including land, vehicles, equipment, materials and any other property) for personal convenience or profit, except when such use is available to County citizens generally or is provided as a matter of written County policy.

#### 8. Political solicitation.

Unless otherwise prohibited by law, officers and employees shall not be denied the right to support or refuse to support a political party or committee, or a candidate for public office. Officers or employees shall not coerce, or request or authorize another to coerce, any County officer or employee, consumer of County

services, or County contractor to support or refuse to support a political party or committee, or a candidate for public office. Officers or employees shall not make use of a County workplace to request, or authorize another to use a County workplace to request, that any person participate in an election campaign or contribute to a political party or committee.

# 9. Revolving door.

A County officer or employee shall not appear or practice before the County, except on his or her own behalf, for a period of one year after the termination of his or her County service or employment. As to particular matters on which the County officer or employee personally worked while in County service as a County Executive, Deputy County Executive, Director of Operations, Commissioner, or Deputy Commissioner, such County officer or employee shall never appear or practice before the County and shall never receive compensation for working on any such matter.

# 10. Use of name or image prior to election.

The name or image of a County officer or employee shall not appear on any newsletter mailed or distributed to County residents, or in any advertisement published widely in the County, the cost of which is incurred by the County, within 75 days of any election for public office in which the County officer or employee is a candidate for such office

## 11. Public safety.

- 1. No officer or employee of the Albany County Sheriff's Department shall have any interest in or be employed in the County of Albany by any business, company, corporation, partnership, association or individual for the purpose of providing private investigations, accident reconstruction, fire prevention, or fire inspection or any other activity related to such Public Safety officer's employment with the County of Albany except as provided in paragraph (2) hereof.
- 2. Paragraph (1) hereof shall not be construed as prohibiting membership or service in volunteer fire or emergency medical organizations. Additionally, public safety officers may be employed in the County of Albany for the purpose of providing security or traffic services.

#### 12. Purchase of office.

A County officer or employee shall not give or promise to give anything of

value to any person or entity for being elected or appointed to any public office or for receiving a promotion or raise in any public entity.

## 13. Business relationships with subordinate officers or employees.

A County officer or employee shall adhere to all rules promulgated by the Ethics Commission that pertain to the formation of business relationships as between subordinate and superior County officers or employees.

## 14. Gratuities.

A County officer or employee shall not request or accept anything from any person or entity other than the County in consideration for the performance of the duties of his or her County position.

# 15. Advocacy outside County service.

A County officer or employee shall refrain from taking a position on any County matter that he or she knows is substantially similar to a position that such officer or employee is advocating before another public entity on behalf of his or her private client or private outside employer.

# 16. Professionally licensed County Officials and Employees.

A County official or employee with professional licenses shall not knowingly have any interest in or accept compensation, direct or indirect, from any person, firm or corporation that has an interest in matters coming before any County agency or before any public benefit corporation whose members are appointed by the County Executive or the County Legislature.

# 17. County officials and employees authorized to conduct inspections and issue permits

A County official or employee with the authority to conduct inspections or issue permit approvals shall not engage in a business or have a financial interest in any firm engaged in a business within the County of Albany where said business conducts, as a regular and significant part of its business, matters requiring such inspections or such permits.

# 18. Improper conduct (appearance of impropriety).

A County officer or employee shall not take any action or have any position or interest that, as defined by rule of the Ethics Commission, conflicts with his or her County duties.

#### 19. Avoidance of conflicts.

County officers and employees shall not knowingly acquire, solicit, negotiate for, or accept any interest, employment, or other thing of value which would put them in violation of this Code of Ethics.

#### 20. Inducement of others.

A County officer or employee shall not induce or aid another officer or employee of the County to violate any of the provisions of this Code of Ethics.

#### SECTION 6. Transactional Disclosure.

- 1. Whenever a County officer or employee is required to recuse himself or herself under the Code of Ethics set forth in section 4 of this local law, he or she:
  - (i) shall immediately refrain from participating further in the matter,
  - (ii) shall promptly inform his or her superior, if any, and
  - (iii) shall promptly file with the Ethics Commission a signed statement disclosing the nature and extent of the prohibited action or, if a member of a board, shall state that information upon the public record of the board.
- 2. The County Legislature may choose to exempt certain County officers or employees from the requirements of this section in instances in which a County officer or employee, with respect to the same matter, has filed with the Ethics Commission a disclosure statement complying with requirements of this local law.

# SECTION 7. Exclusions from the Code of Ethics and from Transactional Disclosure.

The provisions of this local law shall not prohibit, or require recusal or transactional disclosure as a result of:

- 1. An action specifically authorized by statute, rule, or regulation of the state of New York or of the United States.
  - 2. A ministerial act.
- 3. Gifts or benefits having a value of \$100 or less that are received by a County officer or employee listed in section 11 of the Domestic Relations Law of the State of New York for the solemnization of a marriage by that officer or employee at a place other than his or her normal public place of business or

at a time other than his or her normal hours of business.

- 4. Receipt of County services or benefits, or use of County facilities that are generally available on the same terms and conditions to residents or a class of residents in the County.
- 5. Representation of constituents by elected officials without compensation in matters of public advocacy.
- 6. County officers or employees appearing or practicing before the County or receiving compensation for working on a matter before the County after termination of their County service or employment where they performed only ministerial acts while working for the County.
- 7. Representation by an attorney employed by any department of the County or the County Legislature on behalf of such department, or member or members of the County Legislature against the interests of the County or a department of the County in matters in which the subject pertains solely to an official action of the County or such other agency, office, officer or employee of the County.
- 8. Action by a County officer or employee on the County budget, except that such County officer or employee shall not use his or her official position or office, or take or fail to take any action, to address a particular budget matter in a manner which he or she knows or has reason to know may result in a personal financial benefit for any of the persons listed in subdivision one (1) of section five (5) of this local law.
- 9. Approval by a County officer or employee of the imposition of a rate of tax on sales and uses of tangible personal property and of services, and on occupancy of hotel rooms and amusement charges, pursuant to Article 29 of the Tax Law of the State of New York.

#### SECTION 8. Inducement of Violations of the Code of Ethics.

No person, whether or not a County officer or employee, shall induce or attempt to induce a County officer or employee to violate any of the provisions of this local law.

# SECTION 9. Interests in Contracts with the County.

#### 1. Prohibited interests.

No County officer or employee shall have an interest in a contract with the County, or an interest in a bank or trust company, that is prohibited by section 801 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. Any contract willfully entered into by or with the County in which there is an interest prohibited by that section shall be null, void, and wholly unenforceable, to the extent provided by

section 804 of that law.

#### 2. Disclosable interests.

Any County officer or employee who has, will have, or later acquires an interest in any actual or proposed contract with the County shall publicly disclose the nature and extent of that interest in accordance with section 803 of the General Municipal Law. The clerk of the County Legislature shall cause a copy of that disclosure to be filed promptly with the Ethics Commission.

#### 3. Violations.

Any County officer or employee who willfully and knowingly violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, to the extent provided by section 805 of the General Municipal Law.

# SECTION 10. Appearances by Outside Employers and Businesses of County Officers and Employees.

- 1. Except as provided in subdivision 3 of this section, the outside employer or business of a County officer or employee shall not appear before the particular agency, board or commission, including the County Legislature, served by such County officer or employee, or by which he or she is employed.
- 2. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the outside employer or business of a County officer or employee from
  - (a) Appearing on its own behalf, or on behalf of the County before a County agency;
  - (b) Seeking or obtaining a ministerial act; or
  - (c) Receiving a County service or benefit, or using a County facility, which is generally available to the public.
- 3. In instances in which the outside employer or business of a County officer or employee appears before any agency, department, or office of the County, the County officer or employee that is employed by such outside employer or business shall refrain from participating in any matter that is the subject of such appearance.

## **SECTION 11. Annual Disclosure.**

# 1. Officers and employees required to file.

Each Policy Making Official, as defined in section 3(23) of this local law, candidates, officers and employees holding the job titles or positions indicated in

Appendix A, and individuals who voluntarily serve on County boards, commissions and advisory councils shall be required to file a signed annual disclosure statement.

# 2. Time and place for filing.

Annual disclosure statements shall be filed with the Ethics Commission:

- (a) Within 45 days after becoming subject to the requirements of subdivision 1 of this section, unless the person is a candidate as defined in section 4(6) of this local law, in which case the annual disclosure form shall be filed within twenty (20) days after the filing by or on the behalf of such candidate with the Albany County Board of Elections of designating or independent nominating petitions for County office; and
- (b) No later than May 15 of each year thereafter.

# 3. Extension of time for Filing a County of Albany Annual Financial Disclosure Statement

- 1. The Ethics Commission shall be empowered to grant extensions of time for filing the financial disclosure statements. In order for the Ethics Commission to grant a request for an extension of time to file the financial disclosure statement beyond the May 15 deadline, the Commission shall find that there is justifiable cause for filing after the deadline or that application of the deadline will impose an undue hardship.
- 2. A request for an extension of time shall be filed with the Ethics Commission on or before April 1 in the year for which the extension is sought, or in the case of a new Reporting Employee or Policy-Making Official, no more than fifteen (15) days after such person commences their duties with the County of Albany, in Form C.

#### 4. Annual disclosure forms.

1. There shall be two forms of the annual statement of financial disclosure which shall contain all of the information in the forms at the end of this local law. Form A, as drafted by the Ethics Commission in accordance with subdivision four (4) of this subsection, shall be the form used by all each Policy Making Officials as defined in section 4(23) of this local law, and each candidate as defined in section 4(6) of this local law, except that Form B, as drafted by the Ethics Commission in accordance with subdivision five (5) of this subsection, shall be the form used by individuals who voluntarily serve on County boards, commissions and advisory councils. Form C, as drafted by the Ethics Commission, shall be used by individuals requesting an extension of time for filing an annual statement of financial disclosure.

- 2. A copy of the appropriate financial disclosure form shall be included with every letter of appointment to paid reporting officers and volunteers to a County board or commission.
- 3. A comprehensible and concise document, the form and content of which shall be determined by the Ethics Commission, which provides instructions on the proper completion of an annual disclosure statement shall accompany any copy of an annual disclosure statement distributed by the County.
- 4. The annual disclosure statement completed by all Policy Making Officials as defined in section 4(23) of this local law and any candidate for county elective office as defined in section 4(6) of this local law shall require disclosure of the following:
  - (a) The name of the County officer, employee, or candidate, the County position held or sought by such person, and the home address of such person;
  - (b) With respect to each outside employer or business of the County officer, employee, or candidate:
    - (i) Its name (if any);
    - (ii) The nature of its business;
    - (iii) Whether it is self employment, a sole proprietorship, or an entity and, if an entity, what type of entity; and
    - (iv) The relationship of the officer or employee to it, such as owner, partner, officer, director, member, employee, or shareholder;
  - (c) With respect to each outside employer or business of the spouse, or household members of the County officer, employee, or candidate, the information required by paragraph (a) of this subdivision;
  - (d) The location only of any real property within the County, or within one mile of the boundary of the County, in which the County officer, employee, or candidate, or his or her relative, has a financial interest;
  - (e) The name of any entity in which the County officer, employee, or candidate, or his or her spouse has an investment of at least five-percent (5%) of the stock or debt of the entity or \$10,000, whichever is less, with such disclosure identifying the nature of the business and the type of business;
  - (f) The name and position of any relative in County service.

- (g) Each volunteer office or position that a County officer, employee, or candidate, or his or her spouse held during the previous twelve (12) months with any not-forprofit organization for which the officer or employee volunteered in a policymaking or administrative capacity.
- 5. The annual disclosure statement completed by all individuals who voluntarily serve on County boards, commissions and advisory councils shall require disclosure of the following:
  - (a) The name of the County board or commission member, the County position held by such person, and the home address of such person;
  - (b) With respect to each outside employer or business of the voluntary member of County board or commission:
    - (i) Its name (if any);
    - (ii) The nature of its business;
    - (iii) Whether it is self employment, a sole proprietorship, or an entity and, if an entity, what type of entity; and
    - (iv) The County officer's or employee's relationship to it, such as owner, partner, officer, director, member, employee, or shareholder;
  - (c) With respect to each outside employer or business of the spouse, or household members of the voluntary member of County board or commission, the information required by paragraph (b) of this subdivision;
  - (d) The location only of any real property within the County, or within one mile of the boundary of the County, in which the voluntary member of County board or commission, or his or her relative, has a financial interest;
  - (e) The name of any entity in which the voluntary member of County board or commission, or his or her spouse has an investment of at least five-percent (5%) of the stock or debt of the entity;
  - (f) The name and position of any relative in County service that is a subordinate to such voluntary member of County board or commission;

# 5. Actual knowledge required.

Failure to disclose the information required by this section with respect to a County officer's or employee's spouse or other relative shall not constitute a violation of that subdivision if the officer or employee does not have actual knowledge of such information.

# **SECTION 12. Applicant Disclosure:**

# 1. Generally.

- (a) Where a person requests the County or a County officer or employee to take or refrain from taking any action (other than a ministerial act) that may result in a financial benefit both to the requestor and to either any officer or employee of the County or one of the other persons listed in Appendix A of this local law, the requestor shall disclose the names of any such persons, to the extent known to the requestor at the time of the request.
- (b) If the request is made in writing, the disclosure shall accompany the request. If the request is oral and made at a meeting of a public body, the disclosure shall be set forth in the public record of the body. If the request is oral and not made at a meeting of a public body, the disclosure shall be set forth in a writing filed with the county clerk.
- (c) A person shall not be required to file a disclosure statement pursuant to this section if he or she, with respect to the same matter, has filed a disclosure statement complying with requirements subdivision 2 of this section.
- (d) All persons or entities engaged in business dealings with the County shall disclose whether he or she, or any executive, officer, or director of any such organization or business, or person holding an ownership interest in such business of greater than five-percent (5%) holds a position as an officer in a countywide political party committee.

#### 2. Land use matters.

- (a) Every application, petition, or request submitted for a variance, amendment, 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 planning regulations of the County shall state the information required, to the extent required, by section 809 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.
- (b) Any person who willfully and knowingly violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, to the extent provided by section 809 of the General Municipal Law.

#### **SECTION 13. Void Contracts.**

1. Any contract or agreement entered into by or with the County which results in or from a violation of any provision of this local law shall be void unless

ratified by the County Legislature. Such ratification shall not affect the imposition of any criminal or civil penalties pursuant to this local law or any other provision of law.

- 2. No contract or agreement entered into or otherwise executed by or with the County which results in or from a violation of section 801 of the General Municipal Law shall be ratified in any manner by the County Legislature or any County agency, office, board, commission, public authority, or officer or employee of the County.
- 3. Any person, whether or not a County officer or employee, who intentionally or knowingly violates any provision of this local law shall be prohibited from entering into any contract with the County for a period not to exceed three years, as provided in this local law.
- 4. No person, whether or not a County officer or employee, shall enter into a contract in violation of a bar imposed pursuant to subdivision 4three (3) of this section.
- 5. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any person from receiving a service or benefit, or from using a facility, which is generally available to the public.
- 6. The County Legislature, or the Ethics Commission on behalf of the County, may initiate an action or special proceeding, as appropriate, in the court of appropriate jurisdiction to obtain civil forfeiture as provided for in subdivisions three (3) and four (4) of this section.
- 7. Under this section, a corporation, partnership, or other entity shall not be held vicariously liable for the actions of an employee. A corporation, partnership, or other entity shall not be debarred because of the actions of an employee unless the employee acted in the execution of company policy or custom. A store, region, division, or other unit of an entity shall not be debarred because of the actions of an employee of that unit unless the employee acted at the direction, or with the actual knowledge or approval, of the manager of the unit.

# SECTION 14. Penalties; Hearings; Assessment of Penalties.

# 1. Disciplinary action.

(a) Any County officer or employee who engages in any action that violates any provision of this local law may be counseled, warned, admonished, reprimanded or suspended or removed from office or employment, or be subject to any other sanction authorized by law or collective bargaining agreement, by the appointing authority or person or body authorized by law to impose such sanctions. A warning, reprimand, suspension, removal, or other authorized sanction may be imposed in addition to any other penalty contained in this local law or in any other provision of law.

(b) In its discretion, after a hearing providing for due process procedural mechanisms and subject to any applicable provisions of law and collective bargaining agreements, the Ethics Commission may recommend appropriate disciplinary action pursuant to this local law. The recommendation of the Ethics Commission shall be made to the appointing authority or person or body authorized by law to impose such sanctions. The Ethics Commission shall conduct and complete the hearing with reasonable promptness, unless in its discretion the Commission refers the matter to the authority or person or body authorized by law to impose disciplinary action or unless the Commission refers the matter to the appropriate prosecutor. If such a referral is made, the Commission may adjourn the matter pending determination by the authority, person, body, or prosecutor.

# 2. Civil penalty.

- (a) Any County officer or employee who violates any provision of this local law may be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$2,500 for each violation. A civil penalty may be imposed in addition to any other penalty contained in any other provision of law or in this local law, other than a civil forfeiture pursuant to subdivision 4 of this section. A civil penalty may not be imposed for a violation of section 9 of this local law.
- (b) In its discretion and after a hearing providing for due process procedural mechanisms, the Ethics Commission may assess a civil penalty, not to exceed \$2,500 for each violation, upon any County officer or employee found by the Ethics Commission to have violated this local law. The Ethics Commission shall conduct and complete the hearing with reasonable promptness. The civil penalty shall be payable to the County.

# 3. Damages.

- (a) Any person, whether or not a County officer or employee, who violates any provision of this local law shall be liable in damages to the County for any losses or increased costs incurred by the County as a result of the violation. Such damages may be imposed in addition to any other penalty contained in any other provision of law or in this local law, other than a civil forfeiture pursuant to subdivision 4 of this section.
- (b) The County Legislature, or the Ethics Commission on behalf of the County, may initiate an action or special proceeding, as appropriate, in the court of appropriate jurisdiction to obtain damages as provided in paragraph (a) of this subdivision.

#### 4. Civil forfeiture.

- (a) Any person, whether or not a County officer or employee, who intentionally or knowingly violates any provision of this local law may be subject to a civil forfeiture to the County of a sum equal to three times the value of any financial benefit he or she received as a result of the conduct that constituted the violation. A civil forfeiture may be imposed in addition to any other penalty contained in any other provision of law or in this local law, other than a civil penalty pursuant to subdivision 2 or damages pursuant to subdivision 3 of this section. Civil forfeiture shall not be available for a violation of section 9 of this local law.
- (b) The County Legislature, or the Ethics Commission on behalf of the County, may initiate an action or special proceeding, as appropriate, in the court of appropriate jurisdiction to obtain civil forfeiture as provided in paragraph (a) of this subdivision.

#### 5. Misdemeanor.

Any person, whether or not a County officer or employee, who intentionally or knowingly violates any provision of this Local Law shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, if a County officer or employee, shall forfeit his or her County office or employment. This subdivision shall not apply to a violation of section 9 of this local law.

# SECTION 15. Injunctive Relief.

- 1. Any resident, officer, or employee of the County may initiate an action or special proceeding, as appropriate, in the court of appropriate jurisdiction for injunctive relief to enjoin an officer or employee of the County from violating this local law or to compel an officer or employee of the County to comply with the provisions of this local law. In lieu of, or in addition to, injunctive relief, the action or special proceeding, as appropriate, may seek a declaratory judgment.
- 2. No action or special proceeding shall be prosecuted or maintained pursuant to subdivision 1 of this section, unless (a) the plaintiff or petitioner shall have filed with the Ethics Commission a sworn complaint alleging the violation by the officer or employee, or the Ethics Commission has made an initial determination that there is probable cause to believe that a public servant has violated a provision of this local law, (b) it shall appear by and as an allegation in the complaint or petition filed with the court that at least six months have elapsed since the filing of the complaint with the Ethics Commission or issuance of a finding of probable cause by the Ethics Commission and that the Ethics Commission has failed to file a final determination in the matter, and (c) the action or special proceeding shall be commenced within ten months after the alleged violation occurred.

# SECTION 16. Duties of the County Clerk.

The County Clerk shall maintain a copy of the following documents:

- (1) A copy of the County's code of ethics and amendments thereto;
- (2) A statement that the municipality has established the Ethics Commission and the composition of the commission;
- (3) A copy of the County's form of annual statement of financial disclosure;
- (4) The County Clerk shall transmit promptly to the Ethics Commission each transactional and applicant disclosure statement filed pursuant to this local law; and
- (5) The Ethics Commission shall index and maintain on file for at least seven years all disclosure statements filed with the Commission.

# SECTION 17. Designation of Officers and Employees Required to File Annual Disclosure Statements; Assistance by the Board of Elections.

- 1. Within sixty (60) days after the effective date of this local section, and no later than the first day of March of each year thereafter, each elected executive branch official shall:
  - (a) Cause to be filed with the Ethics Commission a list of the names and offices or positions of all County officers and employees subordinate to said elected official that are required to file annual disclosure statements pursuant to this local law; and
  - (b) Notify, in a manner established by rule of the Ethics Commission, all such officers and employees of their obligation to file an annual disclosure statement.
  - (c) Provide to each such Policy Making Official by March 1 of every year a copy of the list generated pursuant to section 16(6) of this local law.
- 2. Within sixty (60) days after the effective date of this section, and no later than the first day of March of each year thereafter, the Clerk of the Legislature shall:
  - (a) Cause to be filed with the Ethics Commission a list of the names and offices or positions of all officers and employees of the County Legislature that are required to file annual disclosure statements pursuant to this local law; and
  - (b) Notify, in a manner established by rule of the Ethics Commission, all such officers and employees of their obligation to file an annual disclosure statement.
  - (c) Provide to each such Policy Making Official by March 1 of every year a current copy of the list generated pursuant to section 18(10) of this local law.
- 3. Within twenty (20) days of the filings required in subdivisions one (1) and two (2) of this section, the Ethics Commission shall:

- (a) meet to determine whether the list of names and offices or positions provided to the Ethics Commission pursuant to subdivisions one (1) and two (2) of this section are complete and proper;
- (b) add or subtract names and offices or positions from said lists as the Ethics Commission deems appropriate; and
- (c) inform executive branch elected officials or the Clerk of the Legislature of any additional County officials or employees subordinate to or within the departments of said officials that shall be required to file an annual financial disclosure statement pursuant to this local law.
- 4. The Ethics Commission shall take reasonable measures to attempt to identify and notify candidates required to file an annual disclosure statement pursuant to this local law.

#### **SECTION 18. Ethics Commission.**

# 1. Establishment; Qualifications of Members; Appointment of Members; Term of Office; Appointment of Certain Officers and Employees.

- 1. There is hereby established an Ethics Commission consisting of five (5) members.
- 2. Members shall be chosen for their independence, integrity, civic commitment and high ethical standards. No person while a member shall hold any public office, seek election to any public office, be an officer or employee of the County of Albany, or hold any political party office. Of the total membership of the Commission, no more than two (2) members shall be enrolled in the same political party.
- 3. No Ethics Commission member or employee shall have held the position of officer in a countywide political party at any time prior to his or her appointment to service with the Ethics Commission. An Ethics Commission member may not participate in any election campaign for elective County office or any election campaign by any County officer or employee who is a candidate for any elective office.
- 4. Two (2) members of the Ethics Commission shall be recommended for appointment by the Majority Leader of the Albany County Legislature, one (1) member shall be recommended for appointment by the Minority Leader of the Albany County Legislature, and two (2) members shall be recommended for appointment by the County Executive. Said recommendations shall be to the Chairman of the Albany County Legislature, who may accept or reject such recommendations. The Chairman of the Albany County Legislature is the appointing authority for said Commission. However, he or she may act only upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, Minority Leaders, and County Executive.
  - 5. Each member of the Ethics Commission shall serve a four (4) year term

except as provided for in subdivisions six (6) and seven (7) of this section.

- 6. The original members of the Ethics Commission shall serve at staggered terms in the following manner:
  - (a) One (1) appointment by the Majority Leader and one (1) appointment by the County Executive shall be for a term of two (2) years;
  - (b) One (1) appointment by the Minority Leader, one (1) appointment by the Majority Leader, and one (1) appointment by the County Executive shall be for a term of four (4) years.
- 7. If a vacancy of a seat on the Ethics Commission is to occur it shall be filled for the remainder of the term only by an appointment by the County official who holds the position of the County official who made the original appointment in a manner consistent with this local law.
- 8. The Ethics Commission shall appoint a Chairperson from its membership to serve for a term not to exceed (1) year. No person shall serve as Chairperson for a period in excess of two (2) consecutive years. The duties of the Chairperson shall include calling and conducting meetings of the Ethics Commission.
- 9. The Ethics Commission may appoint or designate a counsel to serve at its pleasure and may employ, retain, or designate such other officers, employees and consultants as are necessary to exercise its powers and fulfill its obligations. The authority of the counsel shall be defined in writing, provided that neither the counsel, nor any other officer, employee or consultant of the board shall be authorized to issue advisory opinions, promulgate rules, issue subpoenas, issue final determinations of violations of this local law, or make final recommendations of or impose penalties. The Ethics Commission may delegate its authority to issue advisory opinions to the chair.
- 10. An Ethics Commission member shall serve until his or her successor has been appointed. Consecutive service on the Ethics Commission shall not exceed two three-year terms.
- 11. The members of the Ethics Commission shall not receive compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.
- 12. Revenue received by the Ethics Commission in the form of fines shall be directed the County General Fund.

#### 2. Vacancies.

When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Ethics Commission, the vacancy shall, within sixty (60) days, be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as the original appointment. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy on the Ethics Commission shall meet the qualifications set forth in section 18 of this local law.

#### 3. Removal of Members.

An Ethics Commission member may be removed from office in the same manner in which he or she was appointed, after written notice and opportunity for reply. Grounds for removal shall be failure to meet the qualifications set forth in section 18 of this local law, substantial neglect of duty, gross misconduct in office, inability to discharge the powers or duties of office, or violation of this local law.

# 4. Meetings.

At its first meeting each year, the Ethics Commission shall elect a chair and Secretary from among its members. A majority of the Ethics Commission shall be required for the Ethics Commission to take any action. The chair or a majority of the Ethics Commission may call a meeting of the Ethics Commission. The Commission shall hold a meeting during every two (2) month period.

### 5. Jurisdiction, Powers, and Duties.

- 1. The Ethics Commission may only act with respect to officers and employees of the County, except as otherwise provided in subdivisions 2 and 4 of section 808 of the General Municipal Law.
- 2. The termination of a County officer's or employee's term of office or employment with the County shall not affect the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission with respect to the requirements imposed on him or her by this local law.
  - 3. The Ethics Commission shall have the following powers and duties:
    - (a) To prescribe and promulgate rules and regulations governing its own internal organization and procedures in a manner consistent with this local law:
    - (b) To appoint hearing officers and request the services of other County officers and employees as are necessary to carry out its duties under this local law;
    - (c) To designate officials required to file a financial disclosure statement, but the Ethics Commission must notify the Policy Making Official, the Chairman of the County Legislature and the respective commissioner of the agency by which such Policy Making Official if employed, if applicable, whenever any such officer or employee is designated as a Policy Making Official required to file an annual disclosure statement pursuant to this local law;
    - (d) To review, index, and maintain on file lists of officers and employees, and disclosure statements filed with the Commission, pursuant to this local law;
    - (e) To review, index, maintain on file, and dispose of sworn

complaints and to make notifications and conduct investigations;

- (f) To conduct hearings, recommend disciplinary action, assess penalties, make referrals, and initiate appropriate actions and proceedings;
- (g) To grant waivers;
- (h) To render, index, and maintain on file advisory opinions;
- (i) To provide training and education to County officers and employees;
- (j) To prepare an annual report and recommend changes to this local law;
- (k) To provide for public inspection and copying of certain records;
- (l) To select provisions of this local law for reproduction and distribution;
- (m) To provide a copy of the list generated pursuant to section 18(10) of this local law to any candidate for County office within seven days of the filing by or on the behalf of such candidate with the Albany County Board of Elections of designating or independent nominating petitions for County office identifying such person as a candidate for County office;
- (n) To promulgate rules governing certain conduct of County officers and employees in a manner that is consistent with the discretionary power afforded to Ethics Commission pursuant to this local law; and
- (o) To promulgate rules governing the formation of business relationships as between subordinate and superior County officers and employees so as to prevent favoritism or undue influence, or the appearance of such behavior.

#### SECTION 19. Review of Lists and Disclosure Statements.

- 1. The Ethics Commission shall review:
  - (a) The lists of officers and employees, prepared pursuant to this local law, to determine whether the lists are complete and accurate. The Commission shall add the name of any other officer or employee who the Commission determines should appear on the list pursuant to section 11:
  - (b) All annual disclosure statements to determine whether any person required to file such a statement has failed to file it, has filed a deficient statement, or has filed a statement that reveals a possible or potential violation of this local law;
  - (c) All transactional disclosure statements; and
  - (d) All applicant disclosure statements.
- 2. If the Commission determines that an annual disclosure statement or a transactional disclosure statement is deficient or reveals a possible or potential

violation of this local law, the Commission shall notify the person in writing of the deficiency or possible or potential violation and of the penalties for failure to comply with this local law.

# **SECTION 20. Investigations.**

- 1. Upon receipt of a complaint or notice in any form, including such complaint or notice made in accordance with the County Whistleblower Policy, by any person alleging a violation of this local law, or upon determining on its own initiative that a violation of this local law may exist, the Ethics Commission shall have the power to conduct any investigation necessary to carry out the provisions of this local law, except that where the Ethics Commission receives a sworn complaint, it shall have the duty to conduct the same. In conducting any such investigation, the Ethics Commission may administer oaths or affirmations, subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, and require the production of any books or records which it may deem relevant and material.
- 2. The Ethics Commission shall state in writing the disposition of every sworn complaint it receives and of every investigation it conducts and shall set forth the reasons for the disposition. All such statements and all sworn complaints shall be indexed and maintained on file by the Commission.
- 3. Any person filing a sworn complaint with the Ethics Commission shall be notified in writing of the disposition of the complaint.
- 4. Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit the Ethics Commission to conduct an investigation of itself or of any of its members or staff. If the Ethics Commission receives a complaint alleging that the Commission or any of its members or staff has violated any provision of this local law, or any other law, the Commission shall promptly transmit to the County Legislature a copy of the complaint.

# SECTION 21. Criminal prosecutions and Commission restrictions

## 1. Prosecutions.

The Ethics Commission may refer to the appropriate prosecutor possible criminal violations of this local law. Nothing contained in this local law shall be construed to restrict the authority of any prosecutor to prosecute any violation of this local law or of any other law.

#### 2. Limits on Commission.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit the Ethics Commission to take any action with respect to any alleged violation of this local law, or of any other

law, by the Commission or by any member or staff member thereof.

#### SECTION 22. Waivers.

- 1. Upon written application and upon a showing of compelling need by the applicant, the Ethics Commission may in exceptional circumstances grant the applicant a waiver of any of the provisions of subdivisions one (1) through nineteen (19) of section five (5), paragraph (i) of subdivision 1 of section 6, subdivision one (1) of section ten (10), section eleven (11), or section twelve (12) of this local law, provided, however, that no such waiver shall permit conduct otherwise prohibited by Article 18 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.
- 2. Waivers shall be in writing and shall state the grounds upon which they are granted. All applications, decisions, and other records and proceedings relating to waivers shall be indexed and maintained on file by the Ethics Commission.

# **SECTION 23. Advisory Opinions.**

- 1. Upon written request, the Ethics Commission may render a written advisory opinion with respect to the interpretation or application of this local law or of Article 18 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. The request may be made only by the person whose conduct is at issue or by a supervisory official of such a person.
- 2. Advisory opinions and requests for advisory opinions shall be indexed and maintained on file by the Ethics Commission.
- 3. Any person aggrieved by an advisory opinion of the Ethics Commission may seek judicial review and relief pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules of the State of New York.
- 4. Any person who has submitted to the Ethics Commission a written request for an advisory opinion may bring a special proceeding pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules for an order compelling the Ethics Commission to issue the advisory opinion. In addition to, or in lieu of, such injunctive relief, the person may seek a judgment in accordance with section 3001 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules determining the question posed in the request for the advisory opinion. No action or special proceeding shall be prosecuted or maintained pursuant to this subdivision unless (a) it shall appear by and as an allegation in the petition or complaint that at least six months have elapsed since the filing of the request and that the Ethics Commission has failed to file any determination in the matter and (b) the action or special proceeding shall be commenced within ten months after the submission of the request for the advisory opinion.

#### SECTION 24. Judicial Review.

Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Ethics Commission may seek judicial review and relief pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules of the State of New York.

# **SECTION 25.** Training and Education.

#### 1. The Ethics Commission:

- (a) shall make information concerning this local law and Article 18 of the General Municipal Law available to the officers and employees of the County, to the public, and to persons interested in pursuing or engaging in business dealings with the County; and
- (b) shall develop educational materials and an educational program for the officers and employees of the County, on the provisions of this local law and Article 18 of the General Municipal Law.
- 2. All County officers and employees shall participate in the education program developed pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision one (1) of this section in a manner prescribed by the Ethics Commission. Such participation shall occur on a biennial basis. Such required participation shall be

#### SECTION 26. Annual Reports; Review of Ethics Laws.

- 1. The Ethics Commission shall prepare and submit an annual report to the County Executive and County Legislature, summarizing the activities of the Commission. The report may also recommend changes to the text or administration of this local law.
- 2. The Ethics Commission shall periodically review this local law and the Commission's rules, regulations, and administrative procedures to determine whether they promote integrity, public confidence, and participation in County government and whether they set forth clear and enforceable, common sense standards of conduct.

# SECTION 27. Public Inspection and Copying of Records; Public Access to Meetings.

1. The only records of the Ethics Commission which shall be available for public inspection and copying are those whose disclosure is required by Article 6 of the

Public Officers Law of the State of New York or by some other State or Federal law or regulation.

- 2. No meeting or proceeding of the Ethics Commission concerning misconduct, nonfeasance, or neglect in office by a County officer or employee shall be open to the public except upon the request of the officer or employee or as required by the provisions of Article 7 of the Public Officers Law or by some other State or Federal law or regulation.
- 3. The Commission shall maintain an index of all persons found to be in violation of this local law, by name, office and date of order. The index and the determinations of probable cause and orders in such cases shall be made available for public inspection and copying.

# SECTION 28. Miscellaneous provisions.

- 1. No existing right or remedy shall be lost, impaired, or affected by reason of this local law.
- 2. Nothing in this local law shall be deemed to bar or prevent a present or former County officer or employee from timely filing any claim, account, demand, or suit against the County on behalf of himself or herself or any member of his or her family arising out of personal injury or property damage or any lawful benefit authorized or permitted by law.
- 3. If any provision of this local law is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, that decision shall not affect the validity and effectiveness of the remaining provisions of this local law.

## **SECTION 29. Distribution and posting.**

- 1. Within 90 days after the effective date of this section, and thereafter as appropriate, the Ethics Commission shall transmit to the County Executive in a form suitable for posting, copies of those provisions of this local law which the Ethics Commission deems necessary for posting in the County. Within ten days after receipt of those copies, the County Executive shall cause the copies to be posted conspicuously in every public building under the jurisdiction of the County, as well as on the County's website.
- 2. Within 90 days after the effective date of this section, and thereafter as appropriate, the Ethics Commission shall transmit to the County Executive in a form suitable for distribution, copies of those provisions of this local law which the Ethics Commission deems necessary for distribution to the officers and employees of the County. Within ten days after receipt of those copies, the County Executive shall cause the copies to be distributed to every officer and employee of the County and made readily available to the public. Every County officer or employee elected or appointed thereafter shall be furnished a copy of those provisions within ten days after entering upon the duties of his or her position. Every County officer or

employee elected or appointed shall be notified by the County Executive of their obligation to file a disclosure statement required by this local law within ten days after entering upon the duties of his or her position.

- 3. Failure of the County to comply with the provisions of this section or failure of any County officer or employee to receive a copy of the provisions of this local law shall have no effect on the duty of compliance with this local law or on the enforcement of its provisions.
- 4. The Ethics Commission shall publish the following on the County Internet website:
  - (a) All rules and regulations prescribed or promulgated by the Ethics Commission pursuant to this local law;
  - (b) A copy of the annual report of the Ethics Commission;
  - (c) A list of all officers and employees required to file financial disclosure statements with the Ethics Commission;
  - (d) A list of members of the Ethics Commission along with the following information that corresponds to each Ethics Commission member:
    - (i) appointing County official;
    - (ii) party affiliation; and
    - (iii) period of term;
  - (e) Any correspondence or document generated by the Ethics Commission that executes a ruling, decision, or determination by the Ethics Commission ordering, instructing or recommending the assessment of penalties, or referring a matter to another investigatory entity;
  - (f) Any correspondence or document generated by the Ethics Commission that promulgates or communicates a recommendation or advisory opinion by the Ethics Commission to a county officer or employee, but only if such correspondence or document contains no personally identifiable information of the requestor of such recommendation or advisory opinion; and
  - (g) The name of the person requesting pursuant to section 22 of this local law a waiver and a general description of the nature of the waiver.
- 5. Any document or material required to be published by the Ethics Commission on the County Internet website shall be published on said website within twenty (20) days of its execution, completion, compilation, approval or generation by the Ethic Commission, or submission to the Ethics Commission, whichever the case may be.

#### **SECTION 30. Effective Date.**

This local law shall take effect on January 1, 2012.

### APPENDIX A

- 1. Clerk of Legislature
- 2. Deputy Clerk
- 3. First Deputy Clerk
- 4. Director of Research
- 5. Chief Assistant District Attorney
- 6. Assistant District Attorney
- 7. Chief Investigator
- 8. Assistant Public Defender
- 9. Public Defender
- 10. Assistant Alternate Public Defender
- 11. Alternate Public Defender
- 12. Chief Criminal Investigator
- 13. Coordinator of Assigned Counsel
- 14. Alternative Sentencing Coordinator
- 15. Alternative Sentencing Asst. Coordinator
- 16. Assistant County Executive
- 17. Budget Director
- 18. Senior Program Analyst
- 19. Program Analyst
- 20. Director of Operations
- 21. Executive Assistant
- 22. Business Development Analyst
- 23. Executive Legislative Liaison
- 24. Assistant Program Analyst
- 25. Motor Pool Coordinator
- 26. Director of Finance
- 27. Executive Deputy Director
- 28. Deputy Director
- 29. Director
- 30. Manager of Data Processing
- 31. Manager of Systems and Programming
- 32. Senior Computer System Analysts
- 33. Senior Computer Programmer
- 34. Associate Operating Supervisor
- 35. Supervisor of User Services
- 36. Executive Deputy Comptroller
- 37. Deputy Comptroller
- 38. First Deputy Comptroller
- 39. Purchasing Agent
- 40. Deputy Purchasing Agent
- 41. Business Office Manager
- 42. Printing Coordinator

- 43. Assistant Administrator
- 44. Maintenance Supervisor
- 45. Deputy County Clerk
- 46. Executive Deputy County Clerk
- 47. Executive Director
- 48. County Attorney
- 49. First Assistant County Attorney
- 50. Assistant County Attorney
- 51. Commissioners
- 52. Senior Associate Personnel Technician
- 53. Election Administrator
- 54. Deputy Commissioner
- 55. Superintendent of Buildings
- 56. Deputy Superintendent
- 57. Undersheriff
- 58. Personnel Administrator
- 59. Chief Deputy
- 60. Director II
- 61. Probation Supervisor
- 62. Superintendent
- 63. Assistant Superintendent
- 64. Chief Correctional Officer
- 65. Business Manager
- 66. Special Traffic Program Coordinator
- 67. Chief Deputy Fire Coordinator
- 68. Deputy Fire Coordinator
- 69. Director of Handicapped Service
- 70. Contracts Director
- 71. Director of Public Health Nursing
- 72. Director of Environmental Health Services
- 73. Public Health Administrator
- 74. Medical Director
- 75. Assistant Medical Director
- 76. Director of Children Services
- 77. Supervisor/Coordinator
- 78. CSS Coordinator
- 79. Program Coordinator
- 80. Director of Records
- 81. Director of Administration Services
- 82. Director of Social Services
- 83. Director III
- 84. Director of Weights and Measures
- 85. Executive Deputy Commissioner
- 86. Fiscal Director

- 87. Rink Manager
- 88. Assistant Rink Manager
- 89. Assistant Administrator
- 90. County Historian
- 91. Deputy County Historian
- 92. Operations Coordinator
- 93. Grant Administrator
- 94. Traffic Safety Program Coordinator
- 95. Director of Engineering
- 96. County Engineer
- 97. Assistant Director
- 98. Assistant Medical Director
- 99. Director of Nursing
- 100. Commissioner
- 101. Deputy Commissioner

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