

Code Of Ethics

Town OF Farmersville

The code of ethics establishes standards of conduct for officers and employees of the Town of Farmersville.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Farmersville as follows:

Section 1. Recognition,

Pursuant to the provisions of Section eight hundred six of the General Municipal Law, the Town Board of the Town of Farmersville 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. The rules of ethical conduct as adopted shall not conflict with, but shall be in addition to any prohibition of Article eighteen of the General Municipal Law or any general or special law relating to ethical conduct and interest in contracts of municipal officers and employees.

Section 2.Definitions,

- (A) Municipal officer or employee means officer or employee of the Town of Farmersville, whether paid or unpaid including members of any administrative board, commission or 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 pecuniary or material benefit accruing to a municipal officer or employee unless the context otherwise requires.
- (C) Family Member means Spouse, Spouse's sibling, Parents, Parents-in-law, Child, Step-Child, Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle, Niece, Nephew, Grandchild and their spouses.
- (D) Dependent means Son, Daughter, Step-son, Step-daughter or any other person who could be claimed as a dependent for federal income tax purposes.

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Section 3. Prohibitions,

Every officer and employee of the Town of Farmersville shall be subject to and abide by the following:

- (A) Gifts. May not accept a gift under circumstances in which it could reasonably be inferred that the gift was intended to influence him/her in the performance of his/her official duties.
- (B) Confidential information. May not disclose confidential information acquired in his/her work.
- (C) Representation before any agency for a contingent fee. May not represent another before his/her own agency or for a contingent fee.
- (D) Investments in conflict with official duties. May not hold investments in conflict with his/her official duties
- (E) Private employment. May not except private employment now or in the future in conflict with his/her official duties
- (F) Refraining. No Town official, employee, member of any board, council, committee or agency of the Town shall take or refrain from taking any action, or agree to take or refrain from taking any action, or induce or attempt to induce any other Town official or employee, member of any board, council, committee or agency of the town to take or refrain from taking any action on any matter before the Town which he/she knows or has reason to believe may result in financial or material benefit for any family member or dependent with the exception that any family member or dependent may be awarded a contract pursuant to the Towns Best Value Law.

Section 4. Obligations,

A municipal officer or employee of the Town of Farmersville must disclose his/her own financial or private interests in any legislation.

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Section 5. Distribution of code ethics,

The Town Supervisor of the Town of Farmersville shall cause a copy of this code of ethics to be distributed to every officer and employee of the Town of Farmersville within 10 days after the effective date. Each officer or employee elected or appointed thereafter shall be furnished a copy before entering upon his/her duties of office or employment.

Section 6. Penalties,

In addition to any penalty contained in any other provisions of law, any person shall knowingly and intentionally violate any of the provisions of this code may be fined, suspended or removed from his/her office of employment, as the case may be, in a manner provided by law.

Section 7. Effective date,

The code of ethics will take effect 10 days after it is filed as provided in Section twenty seven of the municipal Home Rule Law.