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Local Law No. 1 of the year 19 87

A local law "LOCAL LAW #1 OF 1987 AMENDING LOCAL LAW #1 OF 1970 ENTITLED ESTABLISHING STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY OF CLINTON"

Be it enacted by the Clinton County Legislature of the (Name of Legislative Body)

County  
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Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section Eight Hundred Six of the General Municipal Law, the County Legislature of the COUNTY OF CLINTON 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 local law to promulgate these rules of ethical conduct for the officers and employees of the COUNTY OF CLINTON. These rules shall serve as a guide for official conduct of the officers and employees of the COUNTY OF CLINTON. The rules of ethical conduct of this local law as adopted, shall not conflict with, but shall be in addition to any prohibition of Article Eighteen 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.

Section 2. Definition.

- (a) "Municipal Officer or Employee" means an officer or employee of the COUNTY OF CLINTON, 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.
- (b) "Interest" means a pecuniary or material benefit accruing to a municipal officer or employee unless the context otherwise requires.

Section 3. Standards of Conduct.

Every officer or employee of the COUNTY OF CLINTON shall be subject to and abide by the following standards of conduct:

- (a) Professional Manner. He/She shall present himself/herself in appearance and behavior in a professional manner befitting his/her official capacity as an officer or employee of the COUNTY OF CLINTON.
- (b) Equipment. He/She shall not make use of county supplies, telephones, computers, copiers, vehicles or other equipment for anything other than county business.
- (c) Gifts. He/She shall not directly or indirectly, solicit any gift; or accept or receive any gift having a value of twenty-five dollars or more, whether in the form of money, services, loan, travel, entertainment, hospitality, thing or promise, or any other form, under

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circumstances in which it could be inferred that the gift was intended to influence him/her or could reasonably be expected to influence him/her in the performance of his/her official duties or was intended as a reward for any official action on his/her part.

- (d) Confidential Information. He/She shall not disclose confidential information acquired by him/her in the course of his/her official duties or use such information to further his/her personal interest.
- (e) Representation Before One's Own Agency. He/She shall not receive or enter into any agreement, expressed or implied, for compensation for services to be rendered in relation to any matter before any municipal agency of which he/she is an officer, member or employee or of any municipal agency over which he/she has jurisdiction or to which he/she has the power to appoint any member, officer or employee.
- (f) Representation Before Any Agency for A Contingent Fee. He/She shall not receive, or enter into any agreement, expressed or implied for compensation for services to be rendered in relation to any matter before any agency of his/her municipality, whereby his/her 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.
- (g) Disclosure of Interest in Legislation. To the extent that he/she knows thereof, a member of the County Legislature and any officer or employee of the COUNTY OF CLINTON, whether paid or unpaid, who participates in the discussion or gives official opinion to the County Legislature on any legislation before the County Legislature shall publicly disclose on the official record the nature and extent of any direct or indirect financial or other private interest he/she has in such legislation.
- (h) Investments in Conflict With Official Duties. He/She 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/her official duties.
- (i) Private Employment. He/She shall not engage in, solicit, negotiate for or promise to accept private employment or render services for private interests when such employment or services creates a conflict with or impairs the proper discharge of his/her official duties.
- (j) Future Employment. He/She shall not after the termination of service or employment with such municipality, appear before any board or agency of the COUNTY OF CLINTON in relation to any case, proceeding or application in which he/she personally participated during the period of his/her service or employment or which was under his/her active consideration.

Section 4. Nothing herein shall be deemed to bar or prevent the timely filing by a present or former municipal officer or employee of any claim, account, demand or suit against the COUNTY OF CLINTON, or any agency thereof on behalf of himself/herself or any member of his/her family arising out of any personal injury or property damage or for any lawful benefit authorized or permitted by law.

Section 5. Distribution of The Code of Ethics.

The Chairman of the Clinton County Legislature shall cause a copy of this code of ethics to be distributed to every officer and employee of the COUNTY OF CLINTON within thirty days after the effective date of revisions to this local law. Each officer and employee elected or appointed thereafter shall be furnished a copy before entering upon the duties of his/her office or employment.

Section 6. Penalties.

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.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect twenty days after it is filed as provided in Section Twenty-seven of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

(Complete the certification in the paragraph which applies to the filing of this local law and strike out the matter therein which is not applicable.)

1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. 1 of 1987...  
County  
of the ~~City~~ City of Clinton was duly passed by the Clinton County Legislature.....  
~~Town~~ City ~~Village~~ (Name of Legislative Body)  
on September 23, 1987 in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval or no disapproval by Elective Chief Executive Officer, \* or repassage after disapproval.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 19.....  
County  
of the City of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_  
Town ~~Village~~ (Name of Legislative Body)  
on \_\_\_\_\_ 19..... not disapproved  
and was approved \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_  
repassed after disapproval Elective Chief Executive Officer \*  
and was deemed duly adopted on \_\_\_\_\_ 19....., in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

3. (Final adoption by referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 19.....  
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of the City of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_  
Town ~~Village~~ (Name of Legislative Body)  
on \_\_\_\_\_ 19..... not disapproved  
and was approved \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_  
repassed after disapproval Elective Chief Executive Officer \*  
on \_\_\_\_\_ 19..... Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a  
mandatory referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting  
permissive referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting  
general  
thereon at the special election held on \_\_\_\_\_ 19....., in accordance with the appli-  
annual  
cable provisions of law.

4. (Subject to permissive referendum, and final adoption because no valid petition filed requesting referendum.)

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of the City of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on  
Town ~~Village~~ (Name of Legislative Body)  
on \_\_\_\_\_ 19..... not disapproved  
and was approved \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ on  
repassed after disapproval Elective Chief Executive Officer \*  
on \_\_\_\_\_ 19..... Such local law being subject to a permissive referendum and no  
valid petition requesting such referendum having been filed, said local law was deemed duly adopted on  
\_\_\_\_\_ 19....., in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

\*Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairman of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village or the supervisor of a town, where such officer is vested with power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. .... of 19..... of the City of..... having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of § 36 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the special election held on ..... 19 ..... became operative.

6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as Local Law No. .... of 19..... of the County of ....., State of New York, having been submitted to the Electors at the General Election of November ....., 19 ....., pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of Section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and of a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph ..... above.

*William J. Bingel*

Clerk of the County legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body

WILLIAM J. BINGEL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

Date: September 24, 1987

(Seal)

(Certification to be executed by County Attorney, Corporation Counsel, Town Attorney, Village Attorney or other authorized Attorney of locality.)

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF ..CLINTON.....

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing local law contains the correct text and that all proper proceedings have been had or taken for the enactment of the local law annexed hereto.

*Patrick R. McGill*

Patrick R. Signature McGill

Clinton County Attorney

Title

Date: September 24, 1987

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