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Chapter 19
ETHICS, CODE OF

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§ 19-1. Purpose; conflict with other provisions.

Pursuant to the provisions of § 806 of the General Municipal Law, the Town Board of the Town of Hague 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 chapter to promulgate these rules of ethical conduct for the officers and employees of the Town of Hague. These rules shall serve as a guide for official conduct of the officers and employees of the Town of Hague. The rules of ethical conduct of this chapter, as adopted, shall not conflict with but shall be in addition to any prohibition of Article 18 of the General Municipal Law or any other general or special law relating to ethical conduct and interest in contracts of municipal officers and employees.

§ 19-2. Definitions.

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

INTEREST[1] — A direct or indirect pecuniary or material benefit accruing to a municipal officer or employee as the result of a contract with the municipality which such officer or employee serves. For the purposes of this chapter, a municipal officer or employee shall be deemed to have an interest in the contract of:

A. His spouse, minor children and dependents, except a contract of employment with the municipality which such officer or employee serves.

B. A firm, partnership or association of which such officer or employee is a member or employee.

C. A corporation of which such officer or employee is an officer, director or employee.

D. A corporation, any stock of which is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by such officer or employee.

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

record the nature and extent of any direct or indirect financial or other private interest he has in such application.

G. Disclosure of employment of relatives. No person who is related by blood or marriage to a public officer or department head of the Town of Hague shall be employed by said public officer or department head before publicly disclosing the name, relationship and proposed employment to the Board of Supervisors and upon consent of a majority of said Board at a duly held meeting thereof.

H. Investments in conflict with official duties. He shall not invest or hold any investment, directly or indirectly, in any financial, business, commercial or other private transaction which creates a conflict with his official duties.

I. Private employment. He shall not engage in, solicit, negotiate for or promise to accept private employment or render services for private interests when such employment or service creates a conflict with or impairs the proper discharge of his official duties.

J. Future employment. He shall not, after the termination of service or employment with such municipality, appear before any board or agency of the Town of Hague in relation to any case, proceeding or application in which he personally participated during the period of his service or employment or which was under his active consideration.

§ 19-4. Filing of claims against town.

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 Town of Hague 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.

§ 19-5. Distribution of Code of Ethics.[4]

The Supervisor of the Town of Hague shall cause a copy of this Code of Ethics to be distributed to every officer and employee of the Town of Hague within 30 days after the effective date of this chapter. Each officer and employee elected or appointed thereafter shall be furnished a copy before entering upon the duties of his office or employment. Failure to distribute any such copy or failure of any officer or employee to receive such copy shall have no effect on the duty of compliance with such code, nor the enforcement provisions thereof.

§ 19-6. Penalties for offenses.

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

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