

Chapter 8

ETHICS, CODE OF

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wilson at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 8-1. Purpose.

Pursuant to the provisions of § 806 of the General Municipal Law, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wilson 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 implement this objective through the establishment of standards of conduct, and it is enacted pursuant to authority contained in Article 18 of the General Municipal Law.

§ 8-2. Applicability of other provisions.

The standards, prohibited acts and procedures established herein are in addition to any prohibited acts, conflicts of interest, provisions or procedures prescribed by statute of the State of New York, and also in addition to common-law rules and judicial decisions relating to the conduct of village officers to the extent the same are more severe in their application than this chapter.

§ 8-3. Definitions.

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

MUNICIPAL OFFICER or EMPLOYEE — An officer or employee of the Village of Wilson, whether paid or unpaid, including members of any administrative board, commission or other agency thereof.

§ 8-4. Conflicts of interest.

No village employee shall have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, or engage in any business or transaction or professional activity or incur any obligation of any nature which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his duties in the public interest.

§ 8-5. Standards of conduct.

- A. Disclosure of interest. Each village employee shall, to the extent that he is cognizant thereof, disclose in writing any interest he may have in legislation or a decision pending before the village. Such disclosure statement shall be filed with the Village Clerk and with the Village Board, agency, commission or governmental organization with whom the conflict arose, and such statement shall become a public record.
- B. Investments. No village employee shall hold investments in any enterprise which will be in conflict with his official duties.
- C. Private employment. No village employee shall 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.
- D. Future employment. No village employee, after termination of his services or employment with the village, shall accept employment which will be detrimental to the village or in direct conflict with his prior village relationship.

§ 8-6. 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.

§ 8-7. Distribution of copies.

The Mayor of the Village of Wilson shall cause a copy of this Code of Ethics to be distributed to every officer and employee of this village. Failure to distribute any such copy or failure of any village employee to receive such copy shall have no effect on the duty of compliance with this code, nor the enforcement of provisions hereof. The Mayor shall further cause a copy of this code to be kept posted conspicuously in each public building under the jurisdiction of the village.