

CODE OF ETHICS
Adopted by the Board of Trustees
November 16, 1970
Effective December 1, 1970

WHEREAS, by its Resolution of June 14, 1960, which was amended May 28, 1962, the Village of Rockville Centre adopted a Code of Ethics and created a Board of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, by Chapter 1019 of the Laws of 1970, the Legislature amended Article 18 of the General Municipal Law, making it desirable to adopt a new Resolution setting forth a Code of Ethics and establishing a Board of Ethics in conformity with the provisions of the aforesaid Article 18 as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized now as in the past, that proper administration of the government of the Village of Rockville Centre requires that Village officials be independent and impartial, that public offices shall not be held for personal gain and that the public have confidence in its Village government; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized now as in the past, that whenever there is an actual or potential conflict between the private interest of a Village official and his duties as such official, the proper administration of the Village is impaired;

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the public interest requires that this Code of Ethics be adopted as a standard of conduct for the officials and employees of the Village of Rockville Centre, replacing that adopted by Resolution of June 14, 1960.

1. Definitions. "Village Officer or Employee" means an officer or employee of the Village of Rockville Centre, whether paid or unpaid, elected or appointed, including members of any administrative board, commission or agency thereof. But, no person shall be deemed to be a Village officer or employee solely by reason of being a volunteer fireman or civil defense volunteer, except a chief engineer or assistant chief engineer.

"Legislation" includes the enactment of Local Laws, Ordinances or Resolutions of the Board of Trustees.

"Private interests" shall not include the Rockville Centre Urban Renewal Agency nor the Rockville Centre Housing Authority.

"Private Employment" and "professional services" shall not include employment by or services rendered to the Rockville Centre Urban Renewal Agency nor the Rockville Centre Housing Authority.

2. Disclosure of interest legislation. In the event that any Village officer or employee who participates in the discussion, or gives any official opinion to the Board of Trustees or any legislation before such Board, has a direct or indirect financial or other private interest in any proposed legislation, he shall publicly disclose on the Village records the nature and extent thereof.
3. Holding of Investments. No Village officer or employee shall directly or indirectly invest or hold any investment in any financial, business, commercial or other private transaction which will reasonably impair his independence of judgment and conflict in the exercise of his official duties.
4. Private Employment. No Village official or employee shall, directly or indirectly, engage in or accept private employment or engage in or render professional services which will reasonably impair his independence of judgment and conflict in the exercise of his official duties.
5. Future Employment. No Village official shall, within a period of two years after the termination of service or employment, appear before any Board or agency of the Village on behalf of any person in relation to any case, proceeding or application which was pending and in which he personally participated or which was under his active consideration during his period of employment.
6. Gifts and Favors. Give a full day's labor for a full day's pay, giving to the performance of his duties his earnest effort and best thought. Under circumstances which might be construed by reasonable persons as influencing the performance of his governmental duties, an employee should never accept for himself or his family favors, gifts or benefits and should never discriminate unfairly by the dispensing of special favor or privileges to anyone whether for remuneration or not.
7. General. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to limit or conflict with the provisions of General Municipal Law, Sec. 800-809, or any other general or special law relating to ethical conduct and interests in contracts of Village officers and employees nor to authorize any conduct prohibited thereby. 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 Village 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.
8. Distribution of Code of Ethics. The Village Administrator shall cause a copy of this Code of Ethics to be distributed to every officer and employee of the Village within sixty (60) days after the date of this Resolution. Each officer and

employee elected or appointed thereafter shall be furnished a copy before entering upon the duties of his office or employment.

9. Board of Ethics. A Board of Ethics consisting of 7 members, to be appointed by the Board of Trustees and who shall serve without compensation at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees is hereby established. A majority of such members shall be persons other than Village officers or employees and shall at all times include at least one member who is an elected or appointed officer or employee of the Village.
10. Powers of the Board of Ethics. The Board of Ethics shall have the powers and duties prescribed by Article 18 of the General Municipal Law and shall render advisory opinions to the officers and employees of the Village of Rockville Centre with respect to Article 18 of the General Municipal Law and any Code of Ethics adopted pursuant to such article, under such rules and regulations as the Board may prescribe. In addition, the Board may make recommendations with respect to the drafting and adoption of a Code of Ethics or amendments thereto upon the request of the Board of Trustees.

This Resolution shall take effect December 1, 1970.