



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Board of Ethics

February 19, 2021

Subject: *Ethics Complaint for Potential Violation 2021-01*

Allegation: Violation of AMC 1.15.020(A) – Breach of the Public Trust

On February 11, 2021, the Board of Ethics (“the Board”) received Ethics Complaint for Potential Violation 2021-02 (“the Complaint”). The complainant alleged an assembly member breached the public trust by making false and offensive comments on social media, and by blocking the complainant from the assembly member’s social media accounts.

After considering the complaint, the Board declined to review it further pursuant to AMC 1.15.160(A)(2)(g). The Board determined the allegations, even if true, fail to constitute a violation of the Ethics Code. The provision that was alleged to have been violated, AMC 1.15.020(A), is in the “purpose” section of the Ethics Code. The board determined this section does not provide an independent basis for a violation of the Code. The Board also considered whether the facts alleged in the complaint could comprise the basis for a violation of any other sections of the Ethics Code and determined they did not, as the allegations do not constitute an improper gift, conflict of interest, political activity, improper use of municipal resources, or any other violation specified in the Ethics Code. Because the Board found that the allegations in the Complaint, even if true, fail to constitute a violation of the Ethics Code, it declined to review the Complaint any further.

Approved by the Municipality of Anchorage Board of Ethics

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