



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Board of Ethics

November 19, 2021

Subject: *Ethics Complaint for Potential Violation 2021-05*

Allegation: Violation of AMC 1.15.060(D) – Conflict of Interest

On June 23, 2021, the Board of Ethics (“the Board”) received Ethics Complaint for Potential Violation 2021-05 (“the Complaint”). The complainant alleged a municipal employee had a conflict of interest in taking official code enforcement action to prevent the complainant’s neighbors from building a fence, which the complainant alleged the municipality should not have prevented the neighbors from building.

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. AMC 1.15.060(D) prohibits a public servant from participating in an official action in which the public servant or a member of the public servant’s immediate family has a substantial financial or private interest. The Board determined that based on the facts presented, the public servant did not have a financial or private interest in the regulatory review of the fence constructed by the complainant’s neighbor. Thus, even if all the facts presented in the Complaint were true, the allegation in the Complaint does not constitute a violation of AMC 1.15.060(D) and the Board declined to review the Complaint any further.

Approved by the Municipality of Anchorage Board of Ethics

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