

1.15.020 Purpose.

- A. Public Trust. Holding public office or employment is a public trust. The proper functioning of democratic government requires ethical behavior by public officials and employees. Ethical behavior involves the commitment to take individual responsibility in creating a government that earns the trust and respect of its citizens. All who serve the municipality have a solemn responsibility to avoid improper conduct.
- B. Intent. The assembly intends this code to be interpreted to promote fair, honest, and impartial dealings with members of the public, to ensure proper use of municipal resources, and to avoid or manage conflicts of interest and potential conflicts of interest.
- C. Appearance of Impropriety. Where provisions of this chapter differ from the common law principle that an appearance of impropriety alone is sufficient to establish a conflict of interest or an ethical violation, the provisions of this chapter supersede the common law.
- D. No Private Cause of Action. Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to create a private cause of action against an official, executive, or employee of the municipality or the municipality, authority, or school district.