



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
BOARD OF ETHICS**

C/o Municipal Clerk's Office
632 W. 6th Ave. Ste. 250 Anchorage, AK 99501

May 15, 2025

Subject: *Ethics Complaint for Potential Violation 2025-02*

Allegation: Violation of AMC 1.15.120 – Use of Confidential or Nonpublic Information

On April 1, 2025, the Board of Ethics (“the Board”) received Ethics Complaint for Potential Violation 2025-02. The complainant alleged that a former member of a community council used a roster of contact information for community council members to contact the other members. The board reviewed the complaint at its meeting on April 10, 2025, and again on May 15, 2025. The board declined to review it further pursuant to Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) 1.15.160(A)(2)(b). The board determined the complaint relates to a matter outside the jurisdiction of the board.

The complainant alleged that a former member of a community council used the community council roster to contact council members and “slander” other members of the council. The complainant said they spent five hours listening to the former member create lies and rumors, and that after they realized the former member was lying about other members, they asked the former member to stop contacting them. The complainant alleged the former member’s use of the council’s roster violated AMC 1.15.120.

The code of ethics applies to public servants, which includes employees, board members, and elected officials. “Board members” are defined in AMC 1.15.030(B) as “members of the public appointed to serve on a municipal authority, board, or commission, and board members of limited road service areas (LRSA) whether elected or appointed.” Community councils, on the other hand, are established under Chapter 2.40 of the code, not under Title 4 dealing with boards and commissions. Community councils are voluntary community non-profit entities, not municipality-controlled boards or commissions. (The Girdwood Board of Supervisors is treated differently under the code. This complaint involves a different council.) Therefore, volunteer unelected members of community councils are generally not considered public servants. The board thanked the complainant for raising the matter with the board of ethics and wishes to thank all citizens who volunteer on their community councils.

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