

**CLEVELAND COUNTY CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY
AND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR APPOINTED BOARDS**

I. Conflict of Interest

No member of any board or commission may vote on any question involving the member's or the member's immediate family member's own financial interest or official conduct. "Immediate family member" means a spouse, sibling, parent, parent-in-law, sibling-in-law, child, or step-child. In addition to avoiding a technical conflict of interest, members shall further endeavor to avoid the perception of a conflict of interest in all matters. No member may vote when prohibited from doing so by N.C.G.S. § 14-234 (contract providing direct benefit to member), N.C.G.S. § 160D-109(b) (legislative zoning decision likely to have a direct, substantial, and readily identifiable financial impact on member), N.C.G.S. § 160D-109(d) (member's participation in quasi-judicial decision would violate affected person's right to an impartial decisionmakers), or any other law.

II. Code of Conduct

Members of appointed boards and commissions shall, at all times during the course of their board membership, conduct themselves in a professional and ethical manner. Board members shall be respectful to other board members, public officials, and members of the public. They further shall abide by any rules of procedure or other guidelines for the conduct of their boards. Board members shall not use their official positions for personal gain.

III. Scope

This Conflict of Interest Policy and Code of Conduct for Appointed Boards applies to all boards that are subject to the Cleveland County Policy Governing Appointed Boards & Commission. To the extent that any portion of this Conflict of Interest Policy and Code of Conduct conflicts with state law, the state law shall control.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I acknowledge that I have read and understand this "Cleveland County Conflict of Interest Policy and Code of Conduct for Appointed Boards & Commissions." I further acknowledge that I have received and reviewed the "Cleveland County Policy Governing Appointed Boards & Commissions." I further acknowledge and understand that failure to comply with this policy is grounds for having my appointment rescinded. Finally, I acknowledge and understand that as a member of an appointed board of Cleveland County, North Carolina, I am to hold myself to the highest ethical standards. If I am unsure whether an action that I have taken or may take is ethical, I will notify the County Clerk.

Name (Printed): _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Board: _____