

City of Riverside's Current Ethics ("Anti-Corruption") Rules

- City Charter § 202 Adoption of ethics code.
 - The City of Riverside shall adopt a Code of Ethics and Conduct for elected officials and members of appointed boards, commissions, and committees to assure public confidence in the integrity of local government and its effective and fair operation. The City Council shall adopt the Code of Ethics and Conduct by ordinance or resolution within six months of the effective date of this Charter.
- City Charter § 709 Nepotism
 - Neither the Mayor nor City Council shall appoint to a salaried position under the City government any person who is a relative by blood or marriage within the third degree of the Mayor or any one or more of the members of the City Council; nor shall any department head or other office having appointive power appoint to a salaried position under City government any person who is/her relative by blood or marriage within the third degree . . .
- RMC Ch. 2.78 Code of Ethics and Conduct
 - Applies to (1) Mayor, (2) Members of City Council, (3) Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees appointed by Council, the Mayor, Mayor and Council, City Manager, or department heads, including *ad hoc* committees. (§ 2.78.030).
 - Prohibits specific conduct by the above individuals, including:
 - Use of official title or position for personal gain
 - Use or divulgence of conditional or privileged information.
 - Use of City resources for non-City purposes.
 - Advocacy of private interests of third parties in certain circumstances.
 - Endorsement for compensation.
 - Violation of California Govt. Code §§ 87100 *et seq.* (California Political Reform Act's Conflict of Interest provisions).
 - Certain political activity.
 - Display of campaign materials in or on City vehicles.
 - Knowing assistance of another public official to violate the Ethics Code.
 - Negotiation for employment with any party having a matter pending.
 - *Ex-parte* communication in quasi-judicial matter.
 - Attempts to coerce official duties.
 - Violation of federal, state, or local law. (See RMC §§ 2.78.060(A)-(M)).
 - Establishes a complaint and hearing procedure, and sanctions, for violations of the above. (RMC §§ 2.78.070, 2.78.080).
- California Political Reform Act (Govt. C. § 81000 *et seq.*)
 - Applies to conduct of "every member, officer, employee, or consultant of a state or local government agency." (Govt. C. § 82048).
 - Anyone may bring a complaint against the above individuals.
 - Enforced by the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC).
 - Note that the City may enact a campaign ordinance that imposes additional or different campaign requirements that are *stricter* than the California Political Reform Act. (E.g., Cities of Anaheim, Santa Ana limit campaign contributions).