



Prohibited Conduct RMC § 2.78.060 Personal Gain from Position

Board of Ethics

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CHAPTER 2.78 CODE OF ETHICS/CONDUCT

Established

- * The Riverside City Council established a code of ethics and conduct that apply to the Mayor, members of the City Council, and all members of appointed boards, commissions and committees

(RMC § 2.78.010).

Purpose

- * The purpose of this Code of Ethics/Conduct is to achieve fair, ethical, and accountable local government for the City of Riverside

(RMC § 2.78.020).



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COMPLAINANT QUALIFICATION

To submit a complaint, a party must either:

- * Live, work (including vendors/contractors) or attend school in Riverside; unless
- * The alleged violation took place outside the boundaries of the City of Riverside and the complaining party personally witnessed or observed the alleged violation (RMC § 2.78.040F).



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RMC § 2.78.060(A) PROHIBITED CONDUCT

Use of official title or position for personal gain prohibited and public officials shall refrain from the following:

- * Accepting gifts/favors that may compromise independent judgment or give the appearance of compromised judgment;
- * Using official title for matters other than the official conduct of their office;
- * Engaging in decisions which would affect the level of compensation received for service except as otherwise required or allowed by law.



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PERSONAL GAIN

Personal gain refers to benefits, advantages, or profit an individual secures for themselves, often involving money, career advancement, or increased influence. Examples of possible prohibited personal gain include:

- * Misuse of Power: A public official using their position to influence a contract for their own financial benefit.
- * Financial/Professional Misconduct: Accepting bribes, insider trading, receiving kickbacks.
- * Abuse of Position/Power: Hiring friends or family (nepotism)



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CONCLUSION

QUESTIONS?



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