



RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE 2.78 - CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT ANNUAL REVIEW PRESENTATION

BOARD OF ETHICS
August 1, 2024

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MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT

Pursuant to Riverside Municipal Code 2.78.110:

- A. Prior to end of July each year, the boards and commissions shall discuss [the effectiveness of this Code] and make recommendations to Board of Ethics for consideration;
- B. Prior to end of August, Board of Ethics shall discuss effectiveness of this Code and make recommendations to the Governmental Processes Committee;
- C. Prior to end of September, the Governmental Processes Committee shall discuss effectiveness of this Code and make recommendation to the City Council for consideration;
- D. Prior to end of the year, the City Council shall hold a public hearing in the evening to make independent evaluation of the effectiveness of this Code.



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PROPOSED AMENDMENT BY BOE

The Board of Ethics previously approved recommendations below to Prohibited Conduct under letter “M” separating “Local Law” from “Federal and state laws” and adding “N”:

M. Violations of Local Law Prohibited. *No public official of the City of Riverside shall intentionally or repeatedly violate the Charter of the City of Riverside, the Riverside Municipal Code, or any established policies of the City of Riverside affecting the operations of local government.*

N. Convictions of Federal or State law affecting their office Prohibited. *No public official of the City of Riverside shall be convicted of a violation of any state or federal law that affects the performance of their duties in the office that they hold.*

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BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board of Public Utilities submitted the following recommended amendments for consideration by the Board of Ethics:

- a. Change statute of limitations on complaints from one year to three years from the date of the alleged violation.
- b. Restore subpoena power to the Board of Ethics.
- c. Complainants should have right to appeal a decision of the Board of Ethics at a pre-conference when a complaint is dismissed.

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Ethics:

1. Perform the annual review of the Code of Ethics and Conduct for its effectiveness;
2. Consider amendment recommendations from other boards and commissions;
3. Submit its recommendations for amendments to Governmental Processes Committee as required by RMC Section 2.78.110; and
4. Delegate a Board of Ethics member to present its recommendations to the Governmental Processes Committee.



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