

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S CODE OF ETHICS

Statement of Principles

In a representative form of government, it is essential that the conduct of public officials and employees shall hold the respect and confidence of the people. Public officials must, therefore, avoid conduct that is in violation of the public trust or that creates a justifiable impression among the members of the public that such trust is being violated.

In order to preserve public confidence of government operations, I acknowledge and agree to these specific standards of conduct.

Ethics Rules

1. As an elected public official, I am sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the laws and Constitution of the State of Idaho.
2. Pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 2015, I.C. § 74-401, *et seq.*, I will perform my duties as an elected official in such a way as to protect the integrity of government throughout the state of Idaho while at the same time facilitating recruitment and retention of personnel needed within government. *See* I.C. § 74-402(1).
3. As an elected public official, I will assure independence, impartiality and honesty of public officials in governmental functions. *See* I.C. § 74-402(2).
4. As an elected public official, I shall inform citizens of the existence of personal interests which may present a conflict of interest between an official's public trust and private concerns. *See* I.C. § 74-402(3). I shall not act in my official capacity in any matter wherein I have a direct or indirect personal interest, financial or otherwise, that might reasonably be expected to impair my objectivity or independence of judgment, except in accordance with I.C. § 74-404 Required Action in Conflicts.
5. As an elected public official, I shall prevent my public office from being used for personal gain contrary to the public interest. *See* I.C. § 74-402(4).
6. As an elected public official, I shall prevent special interests from unduly influencing governmental action. *See* I.C. § 74-402(5).
7. As an elected public official, I shall assure that governmental functions and policies reflect, to the maximum extent possible, the public interest. *See* I.C. § 74-402(6).

8. As an elected public official, I shall hold any public monies or property in trust and understand that I will be held accountable for the proper use and return of said monies or property while exercising my public duties.
9. As an elected public official, I shall not solicit, accept, or receive a pecuniary benefit as payment for services, advice, assistance or conduct customarily exercised in the course of my official duties. This prohibition shall not include trivial benefits not to exceed a value of fifty dollars (\$50.00) incidental to personal, professional or business contacts and involving no substantial risk of undermining official impartiality. *See I.C. §18-1359.*
10. As an elected public official, I shall not knowingly act in any way that might reasonably be expected to create an impression or raise suspicion among the members of the public that said acts violate the public trust.
11. As an elected public official, I shall not engage in criminal behavior or such behavior which would violate the public trust and/or bring discredit to me or my agency.

By signing this document, I am stating that I have received a copy of this Code of Ethics and acknowledge that it provides principles by which my public service will be guided.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____