

## CHAPTER 34

### CODE OF ETHICS

Per Ordinance 2010-04:

The Door County Board of Supervisors will:

Incorporate the “*Ethical Principles*” [attached], as part of the *Rules of Order*

Provide for a standing “Committee on Ethics”. The prescribed duties of this Committee will include:

- To be alert to ethics problems;
- Responsible for reviewing alleged violations of the ethical principals
- To report its findings and make recommendations (e.g. censure or reprimand) to the County Board for action.
- Refer the matter, if deemed appropriate, to the District Attorney or Attorney General to act pursuant to Section 19.59 Wisconsin Statutes.

Rely on the Applicable Public Integrity Statutes [e.g., Sections 19.59 –and- 946.10, .12, .13, & .18 Wisconsin Statutes] to regulate the conduct of public officials and employees.

In view of the foregoing, Chapter 34 - Code of Ethics Door County Code is of no practical significance.

**That Chapter 34 Code of Ethics Door County Code is hereby repealed.**

That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after April 20, 2010

(Ord. #27-84; 8/16/84) (Ord. #17-92; 5/26/92) (Ord. #17-97; 11/3/97) (Ord. #2010-04; 4/20/10)

## ETHICAL PRINCIPLES

These ethical principles apply to any county (appointed or elected) public official, candidate for county public office and county employee.

The ethical county official, employee and candidate should:

- Properly administer the affairs of the county.
- Promote decisions which only benefit the public interest.
- Actively promote public confidence in county government.
- Keep safe all funds and other properties of the county.
- Conduct and perform the duties of the office diligently and promptly dispose of the business of the county.
- Maintain a positive image to pass constant public scrutiny.
- Evaluate all decisions so that the best service or product is obtained at a minimal cost without sacrificing quality and fiscal responsibility.
- Inject the prestige of the office into everyday dealings with the public employees and associates.
- Maintain a respectful attitude toward employees, other public officials, colleagues and associates.
- Effectively and efficiently work with governmental agencies, political subdivisions and other organizations in order to further the interest of the county.
- Faithfully comply with all laws and regulations applicable to the county and impartially apply them to everyone.

The ethical county official, employee and candidate should not:

- Engage in outside interests that are not compatible with the impartial and objective performance of his or her duties.
- Improperly influence or attempt to influence other officials to act in his or her own benefit.
- Accept anything of value from any source which is offered to influence his or her action as a public official.

The ethical county official, employee and candidate accepts the responsibility that his or her mission is that of servant and steward to the public.

A county official, employee and candidate may be subject to censure or reprimand by the County Board or its designee, for violation of these ethical principles.