

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CLINTON
ENACTMENT OF AN ORDINANCE**

The Town Council of the Town of Clinton, Connecticut, at their meeting on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, amended the Code of Ethics as follows. A complete copy of the Code of Ethics is available in the Town Clerk's office, 54 East Main Street. Clinton CT 06413. The text below only represents the amendments.

§ 51-2. Applicability; distribution of copies.

- D. The ~~Town Council~~Board of Selectmen or Town Manager's office shall cause a copy of this chapter to be distributed to every official and employee ~~with~~within 60 days after enactment of this chapter. Each employee and officer shall be furnished a copy before entering the duties of office or employment and sign a statement that he or she has received a copy of this chapter.

§ 51-3. Definitions.

BUSINESS — Any entity through which activity for profit or not for profit is conducted, including but not limited to a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, proprietorship, firm, enterprise, franchise, association, organization, or self-employed individual.

GIFT — Anything of economic value, including services in excess of \$100 in a calendar year. A gift does not include:

- C. A gift received from a member of a person's immediate family or ~~fiancee~~fiancée.

IMMEDIATE FAMILY — Spouse, child, parent, grandchild, brother, sister, grandparent, ~~daughter-in-law, son-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law~~ or partner in a civil union.

§ 51-5. Former public officials or employees.

- A. No former Town official or employee shall represent private interests in dealings with ~~any~~the board or agency ~~of the Town with which he was associated~~ for a period of one year after termination of service with the Town.
- B. No former Town official or employee shall disclose or use confidential information acquired in the course of and by reason of his official duties ~~for financial gain for himself or others~~.

§ 51-6. Board of Ethics.

- A. There shall be a Board of Ethics consisting of five regular members. The members shall be appointed by the ~~Town Council~~Board of Selectmen to serve five-year terms in accordance with §§ 2-3 and 7-8 of the Town of Clinton Charter. The terms are to be staggered, and no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. Any member having served two consecutive terms shall be ineligible for reappointment to the Board for a period of two years.

§ 51-7. Complaint procedure; advisory opinions.

- A. General.

- (2) The Board will use the Town Attorney, and clerical staff will be provided. investigation shall remain confidential, as specified by provisions of C.G.S. § 1-82a, in relation to operations of a board of ethics, unless the Board makes a finding of probable cause for a hearing or unless the respondent requests in writing that the entire record and any hearings be open to the public.

C. Evaluation and acknowledgment.

- (1) Upon receipt of the complaint, the Board will send it to Town Counsel to determine whether the complaint is complete and in proper form. Town Counsel shall have 15 calendar days to determine if the complaint is in proper form. If the complaint is not in proper form or if the Board determines that the allegations, even if true, would not constitute a violation of this code then the Board shall duly notify the complainant of this and the reasons therefor by registered or certified mail. Allegations applicable to other administrative or judicial ~~authority~~authorities will be referred to the proper authority.

- D. No probable cause. If the Board finds no probable cause it shall within five business days advise the complainant and the respondent of its ~~finding~~findings and a summary of the reasons. The complaint and the record of investigation shall remain confidential.

F. Hearings (After Probable Cause Found).

- (1) All hearings on the merits of a complaint after a finding of probable cause shall be opened to the public and recorded.

§ 51-8. Appeals.

Any person aggrieved by any final decision of the Board may appeal such decision within 30 days of the official posting in accordance with the provisions of C.G.S. § 4-175 or 4-183. ~~If successful, any and all reasonable legal fees will be paid by the Town of Clinton.~~

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