

ETHICS PROVISIONS FROM OTHER CHARTER COUNTIES

Broward:

Section 11.08 BROWARD COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

A. There shall be a Broward County Ethics Commission whose sole purpose shall be to establish a Code of Ethics for the Broward County Commission. The Broward County Ethics Commission shall work in a collaborative and communicative nature with the County Commission in drafting the Code of Ethics.

The Broward County Ethics Commission shall present a Code of Ethics to the Broward County Commission for consideration no later than at the first County Commission meeting in March 2010 (the "Proposed Ethics Code"). If the Broward County Commission fails to adopt the Proposed Ethics Code as proposed by the Broward County Ethics Commission within one hundred eighty (180) days of its receipt of the proposal, the Proposed Ethics Code shall be presented to the electors of Broward County for consideration at the November 2010 general election. If approved by the electors of Broward County, the Proposed Ethics Code shall become part of the Broward County Code of Ordinances.

B. Membership.

The Broward County Ethics Commission shall be comprised of eleven (11) voting members. Each County Commissioner shall appoint one (1) member from their respective districts, and two (2) countywide members shall be appointed by the Broward League of Cities.

C. Quorum.

A quorum, necessary to conduct Broward County Ethics Commission business, shall consist of a majority of the Broward County Ethics Commission members.

D. Term and Vacancies.

Broward County Ethics Commission members shall serve until a Code of Ethics is adopted by either the Broward County Commission or the electors of Broward County. If a member fails to attend any three (3) consecutive meetings of the Broward County Ethics Commission, that member shall be considered to have vacated his or her seat, and the vacancy shall be filled by appointment pursuant to Subsection B.

E. Meetings.

The Broward County Ethics Commission shall hold its first meeting as soon as practicable after the appointment of its inaugural Board but no later than March 1, 2009. The Commission shall meet as needed and shall hold no less than eight (8) meetings.

F. Chair and Vice-Chair.

At the first meeting of the Broward County Ethics Commission, the members shall appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall serve for the duration of the Broward County Ethics Commission's existence.

G. Sunset.

The Broward County Ethics Commission shall cease to exist upon adoption of the Proposed Ethics Code by the Broward County Commission or upon the consideration of the Proposed Ethics Code by the electors of Broward County, regardless of the outcome.

Clay:

E. Code of Ethics. Before July 1, 2007, the Board of County Commissioners shall enact by ordinance a Code of Ethics. The Code of Ethics shall prescribe standards of conduct for members of the Board, the County Manager, the County Attorney, the County Auditor, all other elected or appointed County Officers including the Superintendent of Schools and members of the School Board, and the deputies and employees of all such officers. The Code of Ethics shall supplement and not contradict or supersede any statutory or administrative standards of conduct which apply to any such officer or employee. The Code of Ethics may include, but is not limited to, provisions de-fining offenses, establishing an ethics board to hear and determine charges, and prescribing penalties within the limits allowed by law. The Code shall not conflict with the power of the Governor to suspend county officers or of the Senate to remove them from office, or the power of the people to recall them from office.

Duval:

Section 18.10. Ethics education and application of ethics laws.

Within 90 days after taking office, every elected official within the consolidated government shall complete ethics training as required by Section 602.1001, Jacksonville Ordinance Code. This requirement shall apply to all elected officials within the consolidated government, including, without limitation, the Mayor, all City Council Members, all Duval County School Board Members, the Sheriff, the Supervisor of Elections, the Property Appraiser, the Tax Collector, and the Clerk of the Circuit and County Court. Additionally, all such elected officials shall be included in the definition of the term "officer" in Section 602.201(x), Jacksonville Ordinance Code, and all such elected officials shall comply with all laws applicable to officers in Chapter 602, Jacksonville Ordinance Code.

(Laws of Fla., Ch. 2003-340, § 1)

Miami-Dade

17. Commission on Ethics and Public Trust. The County shall, by ordinance, establish an independent Commission on Ethics and Public Trust comprised of five members, not appointed by the County Commission, with the authority to review, interpret, render advisory opinions and enforce the county and municipal code of ethics ordinances, conflict of interest ordinances, lobbyist registration and reporting ordinances, ethical campaign practices ordinances, when enacted, and citizens' bill of rights.

(B). The foregoing enumeration of citizens' rights vests large and pervasive powers in the citizenry of Dade County. Such power necessarily carries with it responsibility of equal magnitude for the successful operation of government in the County. The orderly, efficient and fair operation of government requires the intelligent participation of individual citizens exercising their rights with dignity and restraint so as to avoid any sweeping acceleration in the cost of government because of the exercise of individual prerogatives, and for individual citizens to grant respect for the dignity of public office.

(C). **Remedies for Violations.** In any suit by a citizen alleging a violation of this Article filed in the Dade County Circuit Court pursuant to its general equity jurisdiction, the plaintiff, if successful, shall be entitled to recover costs as fixed by the Court. Any public official or employee who is found by the Court to have willfully violated this Article shall forthwith forfeit his office or employment.

(D). **Construction.** All provisions of this Article shall be construed to be supplementary to and not in conflict with the general laws of Florida. If any part of this Article shall be declared invalid, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

Palm Beach:

Sec. 3.2 Prevention of Conflict of Interest

The Board of County Commissioners shall take whatever action is necessary on behalf of its residents to ensure that the county government's appointed officials, elected officials and employees abide by the code of ethics as set out in state law.

Volusia:

ARTICLE XII. CODE OF ETHICS

Section 1201. Generally. The code of ethics as provided by general law shall have full effect on all employees and office holders under the charter government. Penalty for violation shall be provided by ordinance or as otherwise provided by general law. (Ch. 70-966, Laws of Florida (Sp. Acts), Art. XII; Res. No. 96-121, Amend. No. 1, 6-20-96)