

Counties with Ethics Ordinances/local provisions

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Broward (Charter County)	Ordinance	<p>In 2008, the Broward County Charter Review Commission placed a question on the ballot asking whether the voters of Broward wanted to create an Ethics Commission with the sole purpose of drafting a Code of Ethics for the county commissioners. The amendment passed. In accordance with the ballot language, this Commission must have an Ethics Code for consideration by the Broward County Commission by March 2010. The new Charter provision reads as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Section 11.08 BROWARD COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>C. Quorum. A quorum, necessary to conduct Broward County Ethics Commission business, shall consist of a majority of the Broward County Ethics Commission members.</p> <p>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</p>

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		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>(Old Ethics Ordinance located at Municode.com-Article V, Conflict of Interest; New Ethics Code can be found at www.broward.org/EthicsCommission/Documents/CodeofEthics.pdf)</i></p>
Clay (Charter County)	Ordinance	Per the Charter, Sec. 2.2.E, the Board of County Commissioners is required to enact, by ordinance, an ethics code. 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 not limited to, provisions defining 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.

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		<i>(Ordinance can be found online at Municode.com- Art. IX, Ch. 2.)</i>
Collier (Non-Charter County)	Ordinance	Applies to all public officials, elected or appointed, and all County employees; strict penalty provision. <i>(Ordinance can be found online at Municode.com-Art. X, Ch. 2)</i>
Duval (Charter County)	Ordinance	Per Section 18.10 of Charter, 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) <i>(Ordinance can be found online at Municode.com-Art XVI, Ch. 602)</i>
Escambia (Non-Charter County)	Local provision	Has a Board policy on ethics.
Hendry (Non-Charter County)	Local provision	Hendry County has an ethics resolution because grant agreements from the State involving federal funds required the county to have a code of ethics with provisions somewhat stricter than state law.
Indian River (Non-Charter County)	Ordinance	Applies to County Commissioners and county employees and complaints for misconduct shall be forwarded to the State Attorney's Office for investigation and appropriate action. <i>(Ordinance can be found online at Municode.com, Section 104.06.)</i>
Lake (Non-Charter County)	Local provision	Lake County has ethics policy for Board employees (not Board members) that prohibit the acceptance of any gift from any person or entity which the County does business with or which the county regulates. The County also has a lobbyist registration ordinance which requires lobbyists to register at the time of lobbying.
Leon (Charter County)	Local provision	Ordinance on lobbying. Board policy on ethics.
Levy (Non-Charter County)	Local provision	Levy does not have a separate ethics ordinance. The county has ethics provisions in its personnel manual which primarily reference that employees must comply with Chapter 112, part III, F.S.
Martin (Non-Charter County)	Local provision	Ethics provisions in HR manual; no code of ethics adopted as resolution or ordinance.

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Miami (Charter County)	Ordinance	<p>A. Per County Charter, 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>(Ordinance can be found online at Municode.com-Art. LXXVI, Ch. 2)</i></p>
Monroe (Non-Charter County)	Ordinance	<p>Monroe County has an ordinance on lobbying and procurement ethics concerning prior officers and employees. There are also ethics provisions in Monroe's Personnel Policies and Procedures which are very strict.</p> <p><i>(Ordinance can be found online at Municode.com-Div. 4)</i></p>
Orange Charter County)	Ordinance	<p>Orange County has adopted a local code of ethics. The main one is 2008-1 5, Local Code of Ethics, which contains provisions relevant to quarterly financial disclosure, criteria to determine appearance of conflict (for purposes of abstaining from voting due to appearance of conflict), a modified gift ban, and other disclosure requirements.</p>

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<p>Palm Beach (County Charter)</p>	<p>Local provision</p>	<p><i>(Ordinance can be found online at Municode.com- Art. XIII.)</i></p> <p>Per County Charter, 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. The County adopted a resolution in the early 1990s that essentially restates Florida's code of ethics. The county also has a lobbyist registration ordinance and a code of silence regulation to limit certain communications during the competitive selection process.</p> <p>In July, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners adopted an Ordinance to place a Charter amendment on the Nov. 2010 ballot pertaining to ethics regulations, including forming an ethics commission. Ordinance and ballot question can be found at: www.pbcgov.com/newsroom/0810/pdf/Ord_2010-019.pdf www.pbcgov.com/newsroom/0810/08-12-10_ethics_ballot.htm</p>
<p>Pinellas</p>	<p>Ordinance</p>	<p>Pinellas had its own ethics code, but repealed it in 1998. In its place, the county simply adopted the state ethic code's language as its own in an ordinance. The ordinance contains provisions dealing with lobbyists. The Pinellas County Code is available online at: http://www.pinellascounty.org/attorney/Code.htm. The County adopted a statement of ethics, applicable to the classified and exempt service employees found in the Personnel Manual at http://www.co.pinellas.fl.us/persnl/pdf/employeemanualO6.pdf</p>