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~~CITY~~ of East Hampton
Town
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Local Law No. 15 of the year 1995

Richard F. Diamond
Secretary of State

A local law amending Section 8-3 "Conflicts of interests prohibited", of
(Insert Title)
Chapter 8 ("Ethics"). Political Committee

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

~~COUNTY~~
~~CITY~~ of East Hampton as follows:
Town
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SECTION I. TOWN CODE AMENDED

Section 8-3., "Conflicts of interest prohibited," Subsection A.(3)., shall be amended in its entirety as follows:

(3) No person, who by appointment or election shall become or is a member of the county, state or national committee of a duly recognized political party or any subdivision thereof, shall hold an elective Town office or an appointive office on the Town's Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Architectural Review Board, Board of Assessment Review or Housing Authority.

(a) Any person who is a member of the aforementioned political committee(s) shall deliver to the Town Clerk evidence of his or her resignation from said political committee(s) within five (5) days of taking the oath of elective office or within five (5) days of his or her appointment to one of the aforementioned appointive entities, whichever occurs first.

(b) Any person who is currently an elected Town official or a member of any aforementioned appointive entity, and who is currently a member of any aforementioned political committee(s) shall deliver to the Town Clerk evidence of his or her resignation from said political committee within twenty (20) days of the enactment of this local law.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this local law are severable. If any provision of this local law or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, said invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this local law which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application of the local law.

SECTION III. EFFECTIVE DATE

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Local Law No. 29 of the year 1993

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A local law providing for the amendment of Chapter 8 (Ethics) of the

(Insert Title)

East Hampton Town Code.

[Signature]
Secretary of State

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the

(Name of Legislative Body)

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of East Hampton

as follows:

SECTION I. FINDINGS STATEMENT

The Town Board finds that the proper administration of the government of the Town of East Hampton requires its officers and employees, whether elected or appointed, paid or unpaid, including members of any administrative boards, commissions or other agencies, to be impartial and free from conflicts of interest, or even the appearance of conflicts, in fulfilling their public responsibilities.

In furtherance thereof, the Town Board of the Town of East Hampton hereby exercises the option granted local governing bodies by New York State Law to require certain Town officials and appointees to file annual financial disclosure statements with the East Hampton Town Board of Ethics.

By having such officials and appointees file annual financial disclosure statements, the Town Board seeks to prevent conflicts of interest, identify potential conflicts of interest, and to resolve such conflicts of interest.

The Town Board further finds that the requirement relating to the reporting of financial interests is in the public interest, and that no interference of unethical or illegal conduct or behavior should be made as a result of filing this form.

(If additional space is needed, attach pages the same size as this sheet, and number each.)

SECTION II. TOWN CODE AMENDED:

1. Section 8-1, "Legislative declaration," shall be amended as follows:

- A. In Subsection A., the word "resolution" in the seventh line shall be deleted and the words "local law" shall be added in place thereof.
- B. In Subsection B., the word "resolution" in the first line shall be deleted and the words "local law" shall be added in place thereof.
- C. A new Subsection C. shall be added to read in its entirety as follows:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 811 of the General Municipal Law, the Town Board of the Town of East Hampton hereby promulgates an annual financial disclosure statement which shall be filled out by certain Town officials and appointees. By having such officials and appointees file financial disclosure statements, the Town Board seeks to prevent conflicts of interest, identify potential conflicts of interest, and resolve such conflicts of interest.

2. Section 8-2, "Definitions," shall be amended by adding the following definitions:

"Spouse" means the husband or wife of the reporting individual unless living separate and apart from the reporting individual with the intention of terminating the marriage or providing for permanent separation or unless separated pursuant to: (a) a judicial order, decree or judgment, or (b) a legally binding separation agreement.

"Unemancipated child" shall mean any son, daughter, stepson or stepdaughter who is under the age of eighteen, unmarried and living in the household of the reporting individual.

3. Section 8-3, "Conflicts of interest prohibited," shall be amended as follows:

- A. In Subsection A, the phrase "Section 8-4 of this Code" shall be added to the first line, with said line reading as amended as follows:

- A. Except as provided in Section 8-4 of this Code and Section 802 of the General Municipal Law:

4. Section 8-4, "Exceptions," shall be amended as follows:
 - A. Subsection 8-4B(2) shall be deleted in its entirety and Subsections 8-4B(3), (4), (5), (6) shall be renumbered as 8-4B(2), (3), (4), (5).
5. Section 8-5, "Disclosures of interest," shall be amended as follows:
 - A. In Subsection A, the word "requires" in the second line shall be deleted, and the word "acquires" shall be added in place thereof.
6. Section 8-9, "Code of Ethics" shall be amended as follows:
 - A. The first two lines of Subsection B shall be deleted and in place thereof shall be the following:

The Town Clerk shall maintain in his or her office as a record subject to public inspection:
 - B. In Subsection B(1), the phrase "to any code of ethics" shall be deleted and the word "thereto" shall be inserted between the words "adopted" and "within" in the second line.
 - C. A new Subsection B(3) shall be added to read in its entirety as follows:
 - (3) a copy of the form of annual statement of financial disclosure adopted by the Town Board pursuant to this Chapter, and a statement setting forth the date of the local law which promulgated said annual statement of financial disclosure.
 - D. A new Subsection B(4) shall be added to read in its entirety as follows:
 - (4) a copy of the Town Clerk's annual filing with the State Legislature in which the Town Clerk reports whether or not the town has a code of ethics in effect as of the filing date. Such filing is to be received by the State Legislature on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of February of each year.
7. Section 8-11, "Board of Ethics," shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Section 8-11. Board of Ethics; powers and duties.

- A. The Board of Ethics shall consist of seven (7) members, a majority of whom shall not otherwise be officers or employees of the Town. The Board of Ethics shall include at least one member who is an elected or appointed municipal officer or employee. Such members shall receive no salary or compensation for their services.
- B. The members of the Board of Ethics shall serve for four (4) year terms, said terms to be staggered. A member's term of office shall run from January 1st through December 31st four years hence. Appointments shall be made at the Town Board's annual organizational meeting, at which time the Town Board shall also appoint one member to serve as chair and one member to serve as vice chair.
- C. The Town Attorney shall serve as counsel to the Board of Ethics, except he or she shall be excused when he or she or the Board of Ethics determines that he or she has, or may reasonably appear to have, a conflict of interest. In such event, substitute counsel shall be provided in a timely fashion.
- D. The Board of Ethics may make recommendations to the Town Board with respect to the drafting and adoption of the Code of Ethics or amendments thereto upon the request of the Town Board or upon the initiative of the members of the Board of Ethics.
- E. The Board of Ethics shall be the authorized repository for completed annual statements of financial disclosure which certain Town officials and appointees are required to file pursuant to Section 8-14 of this Chapter. The Board of Ethics shall have a designated location within the Town Clerk's office where such completed statements shall be kept.
- F. The Board of Ethics shall promulgate and operate under such rules and regulations as it deems reasonable and necessary to administer and fulfill its duties and functions as authorized in this Chapter and in Article 18 of General Municipal Law. The Board of Ethic's rules and regulations shall be filed with the Town Board, and, unless rejected or modified within thirty (30) days, shall be operative. Such rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to, the procedure whereby a person who is required to file an annual financial disclosure statement may request an

extension of time within which to file such statement, due to justifiable cause or undue hardship, as well as a date beyond which in all cases of justifiable cause or undue hardship no further extension of time will be granted.

- G. (1) The Board of Ethics shall permit any person required to file a financial disclosure statement pursuant to Section 8-14 to submit a written application asking the Board of Ethics:
- (a) To delete one or more items of information from the copy of his or her financial disclosure statement which is made available for public inspection.
 - (b) To grant an exemption from any requirement to report one or more items of information which pertain to such person's spouse or unemancipated children.
- (2) Such application shall accompany the filing of the financial disclosure statement. During the period of time that such application is pending before the Board of Ethics, any information that is the subject or a part of the application shall remain confidential.
- (3) The Board of Ethics shall consider the application and may delete such information from public inspection or may exempt such information pertaining to the spouse or unemancipated child upon a finding by a majority of the total number of members of the Board of Ethics without vacancy that the information which would otherwise be required to be disclosed, or would otherwise be required to be provided, will have no material bearing on the discharge of the reporting person's official duties.
- (4) If such request is denied, the Board of Ethics shall so inform the reporting person in writing. Upon receipt of such determination, the reporting individual may request, and upon such request the Board of Ethics shall provide, that any information which is the subject or part of the application shall remain confidential for a period of thirty (30) days following notice of such determination. In the event the reporting individual resigns his or her office and holds

no other position subject to the reporting requirements set forth in this Chapter, the information shall not be made public and shall be expunged in its entirety.

- (5) The Board of Ethics' denial of a request pursuant to this Subsection shall become final thirty (30) days after its issuance.
- H. The Board of Ethics shall inspect all of the filed financial disclosure statements to ascertain whether any person subject to the reporting requirement set forth in Section 8-14 has failed to file such a statement, has filed a deficient statement, or has filed a statement which reveals a possible violation of this Code of Ethics or of Article 18 of the General Municipal Law.
- I. If a person required to file a financial disclosure statement with the Board of Ethics has failed to file a disclosure statement or has filed a deficient statement, the Board of Ethics shall notify the reporting person in writing, state the failure to file or detail the deficiency, provide the person with a fifteen (15) day period to make such filing or cure such deficiency, and advise the person of the penalties for failure to comply with the reporting requirements. Such notice shall be confidential. If the person fails to make such filing or fails to cure the deficiency within the specified time period, the Board of Ethics shall send a notice of delinquency to the reporting person and to the Town Board.
- J. (1) If a reporting person has filed a financial disclosure statement which reveals a possible violation of this Code of Ethics or Article 18 of General Municipal Law, or if the Board of Ethics receives a sworn complaint alleging such a violation, or if the Board of Ethics determines on its own initiative to investigate a possible violation, the Board of Ethics shall notify the reporting person in writing, describe the possible or alleged violation of this Code of Ethics or Article 18 of General Municipal Law, and provide the person with a fifteen (15) day period in which to submit a written response setting forth information relating to the activities cited as a possible or alleged violation of law.
- (2) If the Board of Ethics thereafter makes a determination that further inquiry is justified, it shall give the reporting

individual an opportunity to be heard. The reporting person shall be entitled to a hearing according to due process procedures and subject to any applicable provisions of law and collective bargaining agreements.

- (3) If the Board of Ethics determines at any stage of the proceeding that there is no violation or that any potential conflict of interest violation has been rectified, the Board of Ethics shall so advise the reporting person and the complainant, if any. All of the foregoing proceedings shall be confidential.
- (4) If the Board of Ethics determines, pursuant to the hearing, that there is reasonable cause to believe that a violation has occurred, it shall send a notice of reasonable cause to the reporting person, to the complainant, if any, and to the Town Board. In its discretion, the Ethics Board may recommend to the Town Board disciplinary action. In addition, if the Board of Ethics determines pursuant to such hearing, that a reporting individual has knowingly and wilfully failed to file an annual statement of financial disclosure, or has knowingly and wilfully with intent to deceive made a false statement or given information that such individual knows to be false on a statement of financial disclosure filed pursuant to Section 8-14, the Board of Ethics shall recommend to the Town Board an amount, not to exceed ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars, to be assessed against the reporting individual.
- (5) The Town Board shall receive the recommendation(s) of the Ethics Board. The Board may review the findings of fact and the record, if any, as shall be made available to it by the Ethics Board. The Town Board may take such disciplinary action, impose such penalties as provided in this Chapter, or make a recommendation that the matter be referred to the appropriate prosecuting authority, as it deems to be appropriate and just. If the Town Board determines to assess a civil penalty, it shall provide the reporting person with a notice of civil assessment. Said assessment of civil penalty shall become final thirty (30) days after the notice of civil assessment is issued.

- K. (1) The Board of Ethics shall render advisory opinions solely to officers and employees of the Town with respect to this Code of Ethics and Article 18 of the General Municipal Law. Such advisory opinions shall be rendered pursuant to the written request of an affected individual officer or employee of the Town, the initiative of the Board of Ethics, or pursuant to a resolution of the Town Board. Such advisory opinions shall be rendered under such rules and regulations as the Board of Ethics may prescribe.
 - (2) An opinion rendered by the Board of Ethics, unless and until amended or revoked, shall be binding on the Board of Ethics in any subsequent proceeding concerning the person who requested the opinion and who acted in good faith, unless material facts were omitted or misstated by the person in the request for an opinion.
 - (3) A request for an advisory opinion shall be confidential, but the Board of Ethics may publish such opinions provided that the name of the requesting person and other identifying details are not included in the publication. The Board of Ethics shall endeavor, to the extent practicable, to publish its advisory opinions, so as to assist Town officers and employees in complying with applicable laws.
- L. The Board of Ethics shall make available to all officers and employees of the Town copies of this law, all applicable forms adopted by the Town Board, and such state statutes which it believes may be of assistance to the officers and employees in complying with applicable ethics provisions.
 - M. The Board of Ethics shall make an annual report of its activities to the Town Board.
 - N. The Board of Ethics shall have such other powers and duties as shall be provided by or pursuant to Article 18, as amended, of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York and as may be requested by the Town Board.

8. Section 8-12, "Disclosure in certain applications," shall be amended as follows:

- A. In Subsection B, the word "parent" shall be deleted from the third line and the word "parents" shall be

added in place thereof.

B. A new Subsection E, which shall consist of the affidavit form currently set forth in Section 8-15, shall be added to read in its entirety as follows:

E. The affidavit form to be submitted pursuant to Subsection A. of this Section shall be as follows:

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS:
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK)

being duly sworn
deposes and says that he (or) she is Owner or Agent for Owner of the property above described. That all statements made in this application are true to the best of his (or) her knowledge and belief, except as to any matter therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, as to such matters he (or) she believes the same to be true, and that any accompanying or attached map is substantially correct.

The undersigned further states that no state officer, or employee of the Town of East Hampton, (nor any such officer's or employee's spouse, brother, sister, parent, child, grandchild or the spouse of any of them) has an interest, direct or indirect, in the person, partnership or association making the application. (If such an interest exists, the nature and extent of the interest must stated. "Interest" is further defined in Section 8-12B of the East Hampton Town Code.)

Signature

Please Print Name

Sworn to before me this
day of , 19

Notary Public, Suffolk County

9. Section 8-14, "Possible claims or demands," is renumbered as Section 8-16.

10. A new Section 8-14, "Financial Disclosure Statement required," is hereby adopted to read in its entirety as follows:

Section 8-14 Financial Disclosure Statement required:

- A. Pursuant to the authority granted in Section 811 of General Municipal Law, the Town Board has promulgated a form of annual statement of financial disclosure.
- B. Beginning in the calendar year 1994, on an annual basis on or before the thirty first (31) day of January of each year or within thirty (30) days of taking office, whichever shall occur first, the following persons shall file a statement of financial disclosure with the Town's Board of Ethics:
 - (1) All elected Town officials;
 - (2) The Deputy Supervisor;
 - (3) All members of, and all regular legal counsel assigned to, the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Assessment Review, Architectural Review Board, Housing Authority, and Licensing Review Board; and
 - (4) The following department heads, their deputies and assistants, excluding secretarial staff:
 - (a) Attorney, Town
 - (b) Budget Officer
 - (c) Personnel Director
 - (d) Police, Chief and Captains
- C. The Town Clerk shall provide the statement of financial disclosure form to each person required to complete said form.
- D. The annual statement of financial disclosure shall contain the information and shall be in the form set forth hereinbelow.

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
FOR EAST HAMPTON ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CERTAIN OTHER EMPLOYEES
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 199__**

1. Name: _____

2.
 - a. Title of position: _____
 - b. Department, Agency or Board: _____
 - c. Date elected/appointed to said position: _____

 - d. Daytime Telephone Number: _____
 - e. Home Telephone Number: _____

3.
 - a. Marital Status: _____ If married, please give spouse's full name including birth name where applicable.

 - b. List names of all unemancipated (under 18) children:

Answer each of the following questions completely. If additional space is needed, attach additional pages.

Whenever a "value" or "amount" is required to be reported herein, such value or amount shall be reported as being within one of the following categories: Category A - under \$5,000; Category B - \$5,000 to under \$20,000; Category C - \$20,000 to under \$60,000; Category D - \$60,000 to under \$100,000; Category E - \$100,000 to under \$250,000; Category F - \$250,000 to under \$500,000; Category G - \$500,000 to under \$750,000; Category H - \$750,000 to under \$1,000,000; Category I - \$1,000,000 or over.

4. Real Estate Ownership: List the address, tax map number (section, block, lot) and use of each piece of property that you, your spouse and/or your unemancipated (under 18) children own in which such person has a financial interest including corporate or partnership interest.

Tax Map No. & Street Add.	Owner(s), (Self, Spouse, Child)	State Use: (Vacant/Commercial/ Residential/ Industrial/Other)	Category of Estimated Market Value	Acreage
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

6. List any office, trusteeship, directorship, partnership or position of any nature including honorary positions whether compensated or not, held by you or your spouse in any corporation, association, partnership, proprietary or not-for-profit organization. Do not include membership positions in any of the above.

a.	<u>Position</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Address</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

b.	<u>Spouse's Position</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Address</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

7.. Business Interests: List the name, principal address and general description of the nature of any business activity of a limited partnership, corporation, or other business in which you or your spouse individually or jointly owns or controls more than a 5 percent interest.

	<u>Name of Business</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>
a. Your ownership:	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
b. Spouse's ownership:	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

8. Other Business Relationships: List the name, principal address and general description or the nature of the business activity of any entity in which you or your spouse has an investment in excess of \$1,000 excluding investments in securities and mutual funds.

	<u>Entity</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>
a. Your ownership:	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

b. Spouse's ownership: _____

9. Financial Interest in Contracts: List any contract(s) made between the Town and one or more of the following: you; your spouse; your child; any partnership in which you, your spouse or your child is a member; and/or any corporation in which 5% or more of the stock is owned or controlled by you, your spouse or your child. Indicate if you, your spouse or your child receive any direct or indirect pecuniary or material benefit from such contract(s).

<u>Self/Spouse Child or Partnership/ Corporation</u>	<u>Entity in Which Interest is Held (Self/Spouse/Child/ Partnership or Corporation)</u>	<u>Relationship To Entity</u>	<u>Interest in Contract (Yes or No)</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

10. Licensed Professionals: If you or your spouse practice law, or are licensed by the Department of State as a real estate broker or agent or practice a profession licensed by the Department of Education*, provide a general description of the principal subject areas of your practice. If you or your spouse practice with a firm or corporation and you are a partner or shareholder of the firm or corporation, provide a general description of the principal subject areas of matters undertaken by such firm or corporation. Do not list the name of the individual clients, customers or patients.

a. Your Position Description of Principal Subject Areas

b. Spouse's Position Description of Principal Subject Area

* The following professions are licensed by the Department of Education: Medicine; Physical Therapy and Physical Therapist Assistants; Physician's Assistants and Special Assistants; Chiropractic; Dentistry and Dental Hygiene; Veterinary Medicine and Animal Health Technology; Pharmacy; Nursing; Podiatry, Ophthalmic

Dispensing; Engineering and Land Surveys; Architecture; Landscape Architecture; Public Accountancy; Shorthand Reporting; Psychology; Social Work, Massage; Occupational Therapy; and Speech-language pathologists and audiologists, describe in general terms the principal subject areas of your practice.

11.a. If you are a member of the Town Board, Board of Assessment Review, Architectural Review Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board, Housing Authority, or Licensing Review Board, or if you are regular legal counsel to one or more of the aforementioned boards, please list the names of any clients or customers who have applications currently pending before your board or who have had applications pending before your board within the last twelve (12) months.

b. With regard to the persons listed in 11.a., please describe the services rendered by you to said persons.

12. List any appearance you or your spouse made before a Town agency or Board, representing a private interest, or any appearance made by you in any litigation brought against the Town in the past year.

a. List for Yourself

<u>NAME OF BOARD, AGENCY OR COURT APPEARED BEFORE</u>	<u>NAME OF LITIGATION, APPLICATION OR TOPIC REGARDING YOUR APPEARANCE</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED</u>
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b. List for Your Spouse

<u>NAME OF BOARD, AGENCY OR COURT APPEARED BEFORE</u>	<u>NAME OF LITIGATION, APPLICATION OR TOPIC REGARDING YOUR APPEARANCE</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED</u>
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13. List any financial interest of yours or your spouse's in the sale of a service or the sale of personal property or real property to the Town.

a. List for Yourself

NAME OF SERVICE OR PROPERTY
(list map no. if applicable)

DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION

b. List for your Spouse

NAME OF SERVICE OR PROPERTY
(list map no. if applicable)

DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION

I have read the foregoing and swear under penalty of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have given and the conditions to which I have agreed are true.

Signature

Please Print Name

Sworn to before me this day
of _____, 199 .

Notary Public

11. Section 8-15, "Penalties," is deleted in its entirety and a new Section 8-15, "Public inspection of documents," shall be adopted to read as follows:

Section 8-15. Public inspection of documents.

A. As provided in Section 813 of General Municipal Law, the records of the Board of Ethics which shall be available for public inspection are:

- (1) The information set forth in an annual statement of financial disclosure filed pursuant to this Chapter, except the categories of value or amount which shall

remain confidential and any other item of information deleted pursuant to Section 8-11G, as the case may be;

- (2) Notices of delinquency sent pursuant to Section 8-11I;
 - (3) Notices of reasonable cause sent pursuant to Section 8-11J(4); and
 - (4) Notices of civil assessment sent pursuant to Section 8-11J(5).
- B. An annual statement of financial disclosure shall be available for public inspection on or after the first (1st) day of March of each year or after thirty (30) days of submission of such statement, whichever shall occur later.
- C. Whenever an application for public inspection of financial disclosure statements is made, the Town Clerk shall provide a copy of such application to the Town officer, appointee or employee whose statement is sought. The procedure for responding to such application for public inspection shall be that set forth in Article 7 of the Public Officers Law.

12. A new Section 8-17, "Penalties for offenses," shall be adopted to read in its entirety as follows:

Section 8-17. Penalties for offenses.

In addition to any penalty contained in any other provision of law, any individual who knowingly and willfully fails to file an annual statement of financial disclosure, or who knowingly or willfully, with intent to deceive, makes a false statement or gives information which such individual knows to be false on such statement of financial disclosure, or who is determined to have knowingly and willfully violated this Code of Ethics, may be assessed a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars, may be suspended, dismissed, removed from office or employment, or otherwise disciplined, as the case may be, in the manner provided by law; provided, however that no penalty may be imposed hereunder or under any other provision of the law in the event any amount or category of value which may be set forth in a financial disclosure statement is incorrect unless such reported information is knowingly understated.

13. A new Section 8-18, "Severability," is hereby adopted to read in its entirety as follows:

8-18. Severability

The provisions of this Chapter are severable. If any provision of this Chapter or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, said invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this Chapter which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application of the Chapter.

14. A new Section 8-19, "Effective date," is hereby adopted to read in its entirety as follows:

8-19 Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State as provided by law.

SECTION III: SEVERABILITY

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