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# Lake St. Charles Community Development District

## POLICY HANDBOOK

**POLICY TITLE:** Public Officers Code of Ethics Policy  
**POLICY NUMBER:** 5020

### **5020.1 General**

The District recognizes the need for adherence to the “Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees” set forth in Part III, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, prohibiting conflict between public duty and private interests. The purpose of this Code is to ensure that employees conduct themselves independently and impartially, not using their offices or positions for unauthorized private (personal gain). In the event of any conflict between state law and this rule, state law shall prevail.

### **5020.2 Gifts**

No District public officer shall solicit or accept anything of value, including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment, favor, or service that is based on any understanding that the vote, official action, or judgment of the public officer would be influenced by such gift.

### **5020.3 Unauthorized Compensation**

No District public officer or his or her spouse or minor child shall accept any compensation, payment, or thing of value which, with the exercise of reasonable care, is known or should be known to influence the official action of such employee.

### **5020.4 Doing Business with One's Agency**

No District public officer acting as a purchasing agent or acting in his or her official capacity shall, directly or indirectly, purchase, rent, or lease any realty, good, or services for the District from a business entity in which his or her spouse, or child is an officer, partner, director, or proprietor, or in which his or her spouse, or child (or any combination of them) has a material interest. Nor shall a District public officer, acting in private capacity, rent, lease, or sell any realty, goods or services to the district. IN accordance with Section 112.313(12), F.S., this prohibition shall not apply in certain circumstances.

### **5020.5 Conflicting Employment or Contractual Relationship**

No District public officer shall hold any employment or contractual relationship with any business entity/person which is subject to the regulation of, or doing business with the District. Nor shall a District public officer hold any employment or contractual relationship which will pose a recurring conflict between his or her private interests and his or her public duties or which would impede the full and faithful discharge of his/her public duties. In accordance with Section 112.313(12), F.S., this prohibition shall not apply in certain circumstances.

**5020.6 Misuse of Public Position**

No District public officer shall corruptly use or attempt to use his/her official position or any property or resources within his/her trust, or perform his/her official duties, to obtain a special privilege, benefit or exemption for himself/herself or others.

**5020.7 Disclosure or Use of Certain Information**

No District public officer shall disclose or use information not available to the general public and gained by reason of his or her public position for his/her personal gain or benefit or the gain or benefit of any other person or business entity.

**5020.8 Violations**

A violation of any provisions of this policy is punishable in accordance with Section 112.317, F.S. The District may refer any formal allegations of violations of the State's Code of Ethics to the State Commission on Ethics.