

TOWN LAW MANUAL

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Any contract willfully entered into by or with a town in which there is a prohibited interest is null, void and wholly unenforceable. In addition, any town officer or employee who willfully and knowingly violates any provisions of the conflict of interest law is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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- A. General Municipal Law Article 18, § 806, mandates the adoption of a Code of Ethics by each town government. That section requires the adoption of a Code of Ethics containing standards for the guidance of town officers and employees so that they may know the standards of conduct reasonably expected of them. Such codes should provide standards for the disclosure of interest in legislation before the town board and for the holding of private employment in conflict with one's official duties. Local codes can be more restrictive than Article 18.
- B. **Notice of adoption.** The supervisor must cause a copy of the local code of ethics to be given to each officer and employee, and the code must be posted in each public building under the jurisdiction of the town. The town clerk is required to file a copy of the adopted code with the State Comptroller within 30 days after adoption or amendment. The State Comptroller is required to report to the State Legislature yearly, on or before February 15, those municipalities which have failed to file such code as of the preceding December 31.

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Effective January 1, 1991, towns with populations over 50,000 had to adopt provisions