

ORDINANCE No. 2019-2

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

WHEREAS, Floyd County, Indiana, recognizes the importance of eliminating conflicts of interest in the conduct of County business;

WHEREAS, Conflicts of interest are not only against state and federal regulations but are detrimental to the County's good reputation and the public's confidence in County government;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Floyd County, Indiana, also recognizes the value of collaboration that occurs at special events and functions such as conferences, dinners, and social outings in which Floyd County offices and employees may be guests of one (1) or more vendors that do business with the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Floyd County, Indiana, desires to fulfill both the letter and spirit of federal and state regulations addressing conflicts of interest, and desires to establish a dollar threshold of \$50.00 below which any financial interest or value of any gratuity is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value; AND

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Floyd County, Indiana, deem that said policy should apply to all elected officials and all officials appointed to Boards or Commissions in Floyd County, Indiana.

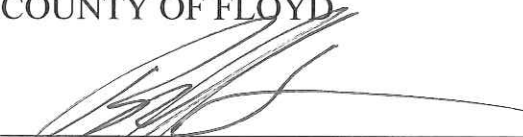
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Commissioners of Floyd County, Indiana, that:

1. The dollar value or fair market value of \$50.00 or below which any financial interest or value of any gratuity is not substantial and may be accepted per this policy.
2. The \$50.00 threshold herein is per event. This policy limits annual gratuity to \$250.00.
3. The Board of Commissioners of Floyd County, Indiana, establishes and adopts the Conflicts of Interest Policy, which is attached hereto and made a part of this ordinance.
4. The fair market value of any gratuity that exceeds the \$50.00 policy threshold shall be repaid to the vendor that paid said gratuity. The fair market value of any gratuity that exceeds the annual gratuity limit of \$250.00 shall be repaid to the vendor that paid said gratuity.
5. This policy shall be effective upon signing by the Board of Commissioners of Floyd County, Indiana.
6. If any article, chapter, clause, provision, portion of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other article, chapter, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance.


7. The Board of Commissioners of Floyd County, Indiana, repeal any and all ordinances, or sections of ordinances, related to Conflict of Interest Policy, including Ordinance _____.

Adopted and passed this _____ day of February 5, 2019

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
COUNTY OF FLOYD



Billy Stewart, President



John Schellenberger, Commissioner



Shawn Caruthers, Commissioner

Attest: 

Scott Clark, Auditor

**FLOYD COUNTY, INDIANA
CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

The following paragraphs apply to all public elected officials, all officials appointed to Boards or Commissions in Floyd County, Indiana:

No officers or employees of the county shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from consultants, potential consultants, or parties to sub-agreements, unless in accordance with this Conflict of Interest Policy. The aforementioned prohibition does not include gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value under \$50.00 and excludes any and all contributions to political campaigns. Any financial interest under \$50.00 shall be considered not substantial in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations.

This policy conforms to the standards set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations and by the Indiana Department of Transportation. A "Consultant" is defined as an individual or firm providing engineering and design related services to a party to a contract with a recipient or sub-recipient of federal assistance.

A public official is defined as any elected officeholder and all officials appointed to Boards and Commissions in Floyd County, Indiana.