



Ethics Administration

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City of College Park

- Applicable against all members of the city council, planning and zoning commission, board of zoning appeals, all advisory commissions, and committee members and appointed city officials.
- Penalties - (1) Public reprimand and/or censure by the mayor and council; (2) A fine greater than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) but less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00); and (3) Request for resignation by the mayor and council.
- Only residents of the city of College Park may file an ethics complaint.
- All ethics complaints shall be filed with the city clerk.
- The city clerk shall appoint a hearing officer according to the qualifications detailed herein within thirty (30) days of the filing of the complaint and shall transmit the contact information of said hearing officer to the complainant and respondent.
- All ethics complaints shall be heard before a hearing officer who: (i) shall be a competent attorney at law of good standing with the State of Georgia Bar, (ii) shall have at least five (5) years' experience in the practice of law, and (iii) shall not reside or maintain an office within the City of College Park.
- City Council can vote to accept or dismiss findings. Accept or dismiss recommended discipline.

Oconee County

- Applicable against county commissioner.
- Any person may initiate a complaint of a violation of this ethics ordinance.
- All ethics complaints shall be filed with the county clerk.
- A special master shall be designated by board of commissioners. The special master shall be an attorney other than the county attorney.
- Special master is there to determine that the complaint contains material facts for which a remedy can be granted.
- If the special master determines that the complaint provides material facts for which a remedy can be given, the ad hoc board of ethics shall schedule a formal hearing to consider the complaint.
- The board of ethics shall notify all involved parties in writing of the time and place of the hearing, which hearing shall not be held sooner than ten days following notice of same.



City of Atlanta

- The City of Atlanta has a Board of Ethics.
- The Board consists of seven (7) members and all are City residents.
- The residents are appointed to be members of the Board and are on the Board for a 3-year term.
- They are selected by legal, business, civic, and educational groups to serve a three-year term of office.
- While serving on the board, members are prohibited from making campaign contributions to candidates in city elections and from engaging in other city election political activities.

Henry County

- In Henry County Members of the ethics board, serve three-year terms.
- The board members are tasked with electing a hearing officer and administrator.
- Complaints may be filed by the ethics hearing officer, a henry county resident, or a group of henry county residents against a henry county official or employee.
- Based on findings the board will have the power to censure, issue a fine of no more than 1,000 dollars and issue a public reprimand.
- The complaint can also be elevated to the henry county solicitor's office if necessary.