

# **THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN**

## **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES**

The Downtown Development Authority of Stone Mountain (the “DDA”) is governed by its bylaws and subject to the Downtown Development Authorities Law (O.C.G.A. Section 36-42-1 et seq.), as amended, and O.C.G.A. § 45-10-3.

Pursuant Section 7 of the *By-Laws of the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Stone Mountain*, Directors of the DDA shall not use their position to influence the DDA’s decisions or discussions where they have a material financial interest; or where there is an organizational responsibility or personal relationship interest which may result in a real or apparent conflict of interest. Directors shall disclose investments, interest in real property or businesses, and sources of income or gifts that may present a conflict.

Accordingly, each Director of the DDA must submit upon appointment and maintain throughout his or her appointment a current *Conflicts of Interest and Financial Disclosure* filing with the Chairperson of the Authority.

Specifically, each Director of the DDA shall:

- (1) Uphold the Constitution, laws, and regulations of the United States, the State of Georgia, and all governments therein and never be a party to their evasion;
- (2) Never discriminate by the dispensing of special favors or privileges to anyone, whether or not for remuneration;
- (3) Not engage in any business with the government, either directly or indirectly, which is inconsistent with the conscientious performance of his governmental duties;
- (4) Never use any information coming to him or her confidentially in the performance of governmental duties as a means for making private profit;
- (5) Expose corruption wherever discovered;
- (6) Never solicit, accept, or agree to accept gifts, loans, gratuities, discounts, favors, hospitality, or services from any person, association, or corporation under circumstances from which it could reasonably be inferred that a major purpose of the donor is to influence the performance of the member’s official duties;
- (7) Never accept any economic opportunity under circumstances where he or she knows or should know that there is a substantial possibility that the opportunity is being afforded him or her with intent to influence his or her conduct in the performance of his official duties;
- (8) Never engage in other conduct which is unbecoming to a member or which constitutes a breach of public trust; and,

(9) Never take any official action with regard to any matter under circumstances in which he or she knows or should know that he or she has a direct or indirect monetary interest in the subject matter of such matter or in the outcome of such official action.

## **DIRECTOR'S PLEDGE TO DISCLOSE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Each Director of the DDA shall self-report any and all actual or perceived conflicts of interest before an official DDA action or transaction is taken where the Director has "substantial interest or involvement" (defined as any interest or involvement which reasonably may be expected to result in a direct financial benefit to such Member as determined by the DDA) by the Director undertaking the following:

(a) disclosure of any substantial interest or involvement in advance to the other Directors in an open meeting that is recorded in the minutes of the DDA;

(b) absenting himself or herself from such portions of any meeting, including executive sessions, of the DDA during which discussion is conducted involving the matter where the Director has disclosed any substantial interest or involvement; and,

(d) refraining from participating, voting, or otherwise in any decision by the DDA relating to any matter where the Member has disclosed any substantial interest or involvement.

## **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Employment, including position and title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Length of Employment in current position: \_\_\_\_\_

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Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of Employment Business: \_\_\_\_\_

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Relationship, if any, to the staff and elected officials of the City of Stone Mountain:

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Description of any ownership or economic interests in businesses physically located within the city limits of the Stone Mountain:

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Description of any ownership or economic interests in for-profit or non-profits organizations providing services within the city limits of the Stone Mountain:

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Identification of each property (residential and commercial) you own or have an economic interest in within the city limits of the City of Stone Mountain:

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Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

I swear and affirm that the information set forth in this *Conflict of Interest and Financial Disclosure* is true and accurate as of the date completed. I acknowledge receipt of and stipulate that I understand and agree to the terms and obligations imposed upon me as a Member of the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Stone Mountain.

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Signature of Director

Received and Attested to by:

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Carl Wright, Chair  
Downtown Development Authority of the City of Stone Mountain