

RESOLUTION NO. 21- 03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD OF THE CITY OF
PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A CONFLICT OF
INTEREST AND ETHICS POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature adopted the Community Redevelopment Act (CRA) in 1969; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Richey found conditions of blight existed in one or more areas of the City and designated the entire City as a Community Redevelopment Area pursuant to F.S. 163.356; and

WHEREAS, the City's boundaries are identical to the boundaries of the CRA and the members of the City Council of the City of Port Richey are the Governing Board of the CRA; and

WHEREAS, the CRA is a Special District and pursuant to F.S. 189.069(2)(a)10 the CRA governing board desires to adopt a Conflict of Interest and Ethics policy for the Governing Board of the CRA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Attached CITY OF PORT RICHEY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY is hereby adopted as of the date set forth below.
2. The attached Policy shall remain in effect for the Governing Board of the CRA unless repealed by the Governing Board.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 26th day of January, 2021.

Attest:



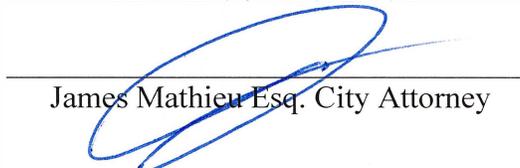
Sal Licari, Clerk



Scott Tremblay, Mayor



APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
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CITY OF PORT RICHEY

**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

CRA CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

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SECTION 1 – PURPOSE AND CONSTRUCTION.

Conflicts of interest can damage the reputation and credibility of the City of Port Richey and its Community Redevelopment Agency (“CRA”). Further, the appearance of a conflict of interest can be just as damaging to the City and the CRA. The purpose of this Policy is to provide for the prohibition and prevention of conflicts of interest and to avoid the appearance of any such conflict to safeguard the integrity of the City and the CRA. This Policy shall be liberally construed and applied to promote its purpose.

SECTION 2 – APPLICABILITY.

Unless, specifically exempted herein or by applicable state or federal law, this Policy shall apply to all commissioners, officers and employees of the CRA. Pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 163.367(1), the commissioners, officers and employees of the CRA are subject to and must comply with the the State of Florida’s Code of Ethics contained in part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, including the ethics training requirements for commissioners as imposed in Section 112.3142, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 3 – STANDARD OF CONDUCT.

CRA Commissioners, officers, and employees shall have no interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, nor engage in any business transaction or activities, nor incur any obligation of any nature, which is in conflict with this Policy, City ordinances, or state or federal law. To this end, CRA commissioners, officers and employees are expected to fully comply with all applicable ethics policies, statutes and regulations, and to demonstrate the highest standards of personal integrity in public activities and conduct their duties in ways that are free from the interference or perception that favorable treatment was sought, received or given and to avoid any interest or activity which is in conflict with this standard.

SECTION 4 – PROHIBITION ON DUAL OFFICE HOLDING.

Except where the governing body of the City is the governing body of the

CRA, no commissioner or other officer of the CRA shall hold any other public office, as set forth in Fla. Stat. § 163.367(3).

SECTION 5 – MANDATORY DISCLOSURES.

The CRA's commissioners, officers, chief administrative employee and purchasing agent who makes purchases of more than \$20,000.00 on behalf of the CRA are subject to ethics disclosures under this Policy and Florida law.

- A. Prior to July 1, each year, all CRA commissioners, officers and employees specified above, including newly appointed commissioners and officers, shall file Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests with the Supervisor of Elections in the county where the reporting individual resides. In general, the reporting individual must disclose his or her primary sources of income, secondary sources of business income, owned real estate, intangible personal property, certain liabilities and business interests. Reporting individuals may obtain Form 1, and all other applicable disclosure forms, from the City Clerk. Failure to file Form 1 by September 1 may result in state fines.
- B. If any commissioner, officer or employee owns or controls, or owned and controlled within the preceding two years, any interest, direct or indirect, in any property which he or she knows is included or planned to be included in the CRA area, he or she shall immediately disclose this fact as provided in part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes. Such disclosure shall be made prior to taking any official action.
- C. Chapter 112, Florida Statutes' mandatory disclosure of voting conflicts and other conflicts of interest, such as doing business with one's own agency, the solicitation or acceptance of gifts, and conflicting employment or contractual relationships, except where exempted under Chapter 112, and all applicable forms promulgated by the Florida Commission on Ethics shall apply to CRA business.

SECTION 6 – OTHER REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED.

Regardless of whether expressly included within this Policy, all applicable provisions of part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, as amended, shall apply to this Policy as if fully set forth herein.