



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR  
MOLEMOLE LOCAL MUNICIPAL  
EMPLOYEES

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## **1. Definitions**

In this Code of Conduct “partner” means a person who permanently lives with another person in a manner as if married.

## **2. General Conduct**

A staff member of Molemole Municipality must at all times-

- a. Loyal execute the lawful policies of the municipality
- b. Perform the functions of office in good faith, diligently, honestly and in a transparent manner;
- c. Act in such a way that the spirit, purpose and objects of section 50 of Municipal System Act of 2000 are promoted;
- d. Act in the best interest of the municipality and in such a way that the credibility and integrity of the municipality are not compromised;
- e. Act impartially and treat all people, including other employees, equally without favour or prejudice.

## **3. Commitment to serving the public**

A staff member of Molemole Municipality is a public servant in a developmental local system and must accordingly –

- a. Implement the provisions of section 50(2) of Municipal System Act of 2000
- b. Foster a culture of commitment to serving the public and a collective sense of responsibility for performance in terms of standards and targets;
- c. Promote and seek to implement the basic values and principles of public administration described in section 195(1) of the Constitution;
- d. Obtain copies of or information about the municipality's IDP, and as far as possible within the ambit of the employee's job description, seek to implement the objectives set out in the IDP, and achieve the performance targets set for each performance indicator;
- e. Participate in the overall performance management system for the municipality, as well as the employee's individual performance appraisal and reward system, if such exists, in order to maximize the ability of the municipality as a whole to achieve its objectives and improve the quality of life of its residents.

#### **4. Personal Gain**

- 1) A staff member of Molemole Municipality may not -
  - a. Use the position or privileges of an employee, or confidential information obtained as an employee, for private gain or to improperly benefit another person;
  - b. Take a decision on behalf of Molemole Local Municipality concerning a matter in which that employee or that employee's spouse, partner or business associate, has a direct or indirect personal or private business interest.
- 2) Except with the prior consent of the council of the Municipality an employee of the Municipality shall not;
  - a. be a party to or beneficiary under a contract for-
    - i. the provision of goods or services to Molemole Local Municipality; or
    - ii. the performance of any work for Molemole local Municipality otherwise than as an employee
  - b. obtain a financial interest in any business of Molemole Local Municipality;
  - c. Be engaged in any business, trade or profession other than the work of Molemole Local Municipality.

#### **5. Disclosure of benefits**

- 1) An employee of Molemole Local municipality who, or whose spouse, partner, business associate or close family member acquired or stands to acquire any direct benefit from a contract concluded with Molemole Local Municipality, must disclose in writing full particulars of the benefit to the council.
- 2) This item does not apply to a benefit which an employee, or a spouse, life partner, business associate or close family member, has or acquires in common with other residents of Molemole Local Municipality.

#### **6. Unauthorized disclosure of information**

- 1) An employee of Molemole Local Municipality shall not without permission disclose any privileged or confidential information obtain as an employee of the Municipality to an unauthorized person.
- 2) For the purpose of this item "privileged or confidential information" includes any information -
  - a. Determined by the council, any structure or functionary of the municipality to be privileged or confidential
  - b. Discussed in closed session by the council or a committee of the council
  - c. Disclosure of which would violate a person's right to privacy
  - d. Declared to be privileged, confidential or secret in terms of any law.

- 3) This item does not derogate from a person's right of access to Information in terms of national legislation.

#### **7. Undue Influence**

An employee of Molemole Local municipality may not -

- a. Unduly influence or attempt to influence the council of Molemole Local Municipality, or a structure or functionary of the council, or a councilor, with a view to obtaining any appointment, promotion, privilege, advantage or benefit, or for a family member, friend or associate
- b. Mislead or attempt to mislead the council, or a structure or functionary of the council, in its consideration of any matter
- c. Be involved in a business venture with a councilor without the prior written consent of the council of Molemole Local municipality.

#### **8. Rewards, gifts and favours**

- 1) An employee of Molemole Local municipality may not request, solicit or accept any reward, gift or favour for-
  - a. Persuading the council of Molemole Local municipality, or any structure or functionary of the council, with regard to the exercise of any power or the performance of any duty;
  - b. Making a representation to the council, or any structure or functionary of council;
  - c. Disclosing any privileged or confidential information;
  - d. Doing or not doing anything within that employee's powers or duties.
- 2) An employee must without delay report to a superior official or to the speaker of the council any offer which, if accepted by the employee, would constitute a breach of sub item (1).

#### **9. Council property**

An employee of Molemole Local Municipality shall not use, take, acquire, or benefit from any property or asset owned, controlled or managed by the Municipality to which the employee has no right.

**10. Payment of arrears**

An employee of Molemole Local Municipality may not be in arrears to the Municipality for rates and service charges for a period longer than 3 months, and Molemole Local Municipality shall deduct outstanding amounts from an employee's salary after this period.

**11. Participation in elections**

An employee of Molemole Local Municipality shall not participate in an election of the council of Molemole Local Municipality other than in an official capacity or pursuant to any constitutional right.

**12. Sexual Harassment**

An employee of Molemole Local Municipality may not embark on any action amounting to sexual harassment.

**13. Reporting duty of employees**

Whenever an employee of Molemole Local Municipality has reasonable grounds for believing that there has been a breach of this Code, the employee must without delay report the matter to his immediate supervisor or to the speaker of the council.

**14. Breaches of Code**


Breaches of this Code must be dealt with in terms of the disciplinary procedures of Molemole Local Municipality envisaged in section 67 (1) (h) of the Municipal Systems Act and or the South African Local Government Bargaining Council's Collective Agreement on Disciplinary Code and Procedures.

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**Approved on** :

**Council Resolution :**

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