

**A RESOLUTION OF THE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO  
TO ADOPT A CODE OF ETHICS / CODE OF CONDUCT  
FOR OURAY COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Ouray County, Colorado, acting by and through the Board of County Commissioners of Ouray County, Colorado ("Board") is a statutory County, organized under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board periodically makes appointments of citizens of Ouray County to certain Ouray County Boards and Commissions in order to facilitate the business and affairs of Ouray County; and

**WHEREAS**, a code of ethics exists by Colorado statute at C.R.S. §24-18-101, *et seq.* wherein the legislative declaration provides that the provisions of the code of ethics: "recognize that some actions are conflicts per se between public duty and private interest while other actions may or may not pose such conflicts depending upon the surrounding circumstance"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to have a common Code of Ethics / Code of Conduct for all Ouray County Boards and Commissions and persons otherwise appointed to represent Ouray County, utilizing in part the provisions of C.R.S. §24-18-101, *et seq.* and setting out the expectations and responsibilities of those persons selected to represent Ouray County on Boards and Commissions;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1. The attached Code of Ethics / Code of Conduct for Ouray County Boards and Commissions is approved and adopted. All current and future appointees to any Ouray County Board or Commission or who may represent Ouray County on a Board or Commission shall sign such policy and abide by its terms.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO

Attest:

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Heidi M. Albritton, Chair

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K. Keith Meinert, Vice-Chair

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Michelle Nauer, Clerk and Recorder  
By: Linda Munson-Haley, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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Lynn M. Padgett, Commissioner

**Code of Ethics / Code of Conduct Policy  
For Ouray County Boards and Commissions**

As a member of the \_\_\_\_\_, I agree to:

- Attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the \_\_\_\_\_ insofar as possible and review meeting materials prior to those meetings.
- Make decisions **only** after I have had the opportunity to review all information and evidence and hear comments and following a full discussion at a properly noticed and scheduled meeting of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Render my decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment and I will refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups.
- Encourage the free expression of opinion by all members of the \_\_\_\_\_ and seek systematic communication with Ouray County citizens.
- Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest and refrain completely from using my position on the \_\_\_\_\_ for personal or partisan gain.
- Promptly disclose any conflict of interest or personal or private interest in any matter proposed or pending before the \_\_\_\_\_ and to recuse myself when required. If I must recuse myself, I will refrain from attempting to influence the decision of the other members of the \_\_\_\_\_ in voting on the pending matter as required by the "Code of Ethics" set forth at C.R.S. §24-18-101, attached.
- If I have disclosed a personal or private interest not requiring recusal, I will affirm that, notwithstanding such personal or private interest, I will be impartial in acting on such matter.
- Take no action that will compromise the \_\_\_\_\_ or Ouray County and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable laws.
- Avoid "ex-parte" contacts and not discuss a matter that is, or may come, before the \_\_\_\_\_ with any person, such as the applicant or an objector.
- Disclose all unsolicited materials and information that I have received pertaining to a matter before the \_\_\_\_\_ and affirm, if appropriate, that I will be impartial in acting on such matter. If I receive any such unsolicited materials and information I will promptly forward the same to appropriate Ouray County Staff.
- Recognize that as a member of the \_\_\_\_\_, decision-making authority rests with the \_\_\_\_\_ as a body and not with individual members. I agree that once a majority of the members of the \_\_\_\_\_ have reached a decision or position, I may prepare a minority opinion on such matter, however, I recognize that the majority opinion is binding and I will support the decision or position of the majority.
- Follow appropriate procedure and protocol during meetings of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Further, as a member of the \_\_\_\_\_, I recognize that I am representing Ouray County; therefore, I will strive to:

- Conduct myself in a courteous and respectful manner with my colleagues, staff and the public;
- Be attentive to all persons participating in the meeting;
- Exhibit good sportsmanship; and
- Participate as a team member.

I have read and understand the Code of Ethics / Code of Conduct Policy for Ouray County Boards and Commissions and agree to comply with its terms and conditions. I further agree that failure to follow the Code of Ethics/Code of Conduct Policy may be cause for my removal from the \_\_\_\_\_ by the Board of County Commissioners of Ouray County.

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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name