

REASONABLE COMPENSATION FOR THE COMMISSIONER'S SERVICES, AND SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE NECESSARY EXPENSES, INCLUDING TRAVELING EXPENSES, INCURRED IN THE DISCHARGE OF THE COMMISSIONER'S DUTIES.

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(A) ALL COMMISSIONERS OF THE AUTHORITY, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AUTHORITY, AND ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE AUTHORITY ARE:

(1) LOCAL OFFICIALS FOR THE PURPOSES OF TITLE 6 OF ARTICLE 40A, AND THEREFORE ARE SUBJECT TO LOCAL ETHICS LAWS; AND

(2) LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FOR THE PURPOSES OF TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS ARTICLE, AND THEREFORE ARE ENTITLED TO THE PROTECTIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT.

(B) NO CLAIM OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER SHALL ARISE AGAINST, AND NO LIABILITY SHALL BE IMPOSED UPON, ANY COMMISSIONER OF AN AUTHORITY FOR ANY STATEMENT MADE OR ACTIONS TAKEN IN THE GOOD FAITH EXERCISE OF THE POWERS GRANTED AND DUTIES IMPOSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

(C) A COMMISSIONER OR EMPLOYEE OF AN AUTHORITY MAY NOT ACQUIRE ANY INTEREST DIRECT OR INDIRECT IN ANY HOUSING PROJECT OR IN ANY PROPERTY INCLUDED OR PLANNED TO BE INCLUDED IN ANY PROJECT, EXCEPT FOR BONDS PURCHASED PRIOR TO THE COMMISSIONER'S OR EMPLOYEE'S APPOINTMENT AND INTERESTS IN MUTUAL FUNDS, NOR SHALL HE HAVE ANY INTEREST DIRECT OR INDIRECT IN ANY CONTRACT OR PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR MATERIALS OR SERVICES TO BE FURNISHED OR USED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY HOUSING PROJECT. IF ANY COMMISSIONER OR EMPLOYEE OF AN AUTHORITY OWNS OR CONTROLS AN INTEREST DIRECT OR INDIRECT IN ANY PROPERTY INCLUDED OR PLANNED TO BE INCLUDED IN ANY HOUSING PROJECT, HE IMMEDIATELY SHALL DISCLOSE THE SAME IN WRITING TO THE AUTHORITY AND SUCH DISCLOSURE SHALL BE ENTERED UPON THE MINUTES OF THE AUTHORITY. FAILURE SO TO DISCLOSE SUCH INTEREST SHALL CONSTITUTE MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE.

(D) (1) A COMMISSIONER OF AN AUTHORITY MAY BE REMOVED BY THE CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL FOR NEGLECT OF DUTY OR MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE, INCLUDING VIOLATIONS OF LOCAL ETHICS LAWS AND MISCONDUCT IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

(I) THE CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL SHALL FILE CHARGES WITH THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS AND PROMPTLY