

(3) Other employment. No public official shall accept other employment which he may reasonably believe will impair his independence of judgment in the exercise of his official duties.

(4) Confidential information. No public official shall disclose confidential information acquired by him in the course of his official duties nor use such information to further his personal interests.

(5) Appearance as attorney, etc. No public official shall voluntarily appear as attorney, counsel, or otherwise represent private interests or give opinion evidence against the interests of the county or its agencies or agencies of the state operating for the county in any action or proceedings in which the county or agency or any official of the county or agency acting in his official duty is a party, except where the interests of the county or agency are incompatible or adverse one to the other, and the official has been assigned to so appear or give evidence in accordance with his duty, or where such participation in matters with the county has no relationship to the official duties of such official.

(6) Contracts. No public official shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract with the county commissioners or any agency or department or receive any benefit or profit therefrom except as provided under subsection (g) of this section.

(7) Ex parte communications generally. When a public official shall receive any ex parte communication concerning a case where a determination or decision is required by law to be made only after a public hearing for interested parties, such official shall make the ex parte communication public and a part of the record of such proceedings.

(8) Ex parte communications with public officials. When a public official shall receive any ex parte communication dealing with the merits of a case wherein that official's determination or decision is required by law to be made only after a public hearing for interested parties, and if the communication be oral, the substance of such communication shall be duly noted for the purposes of the record, and if such communication be in writing, then the entire writing shall be placed upon the record.

(e) Any public official who has, will have or later acquires an interest in any actual or proposed contract with Prince George's County, shall publicly disclose the nature and extent of such interest in writing to the office of the senior resident judge of the circuit court for Prince George's County as soon as he has knowledge of such actual or prospective interest. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, disclosures shall not be required in the case of an interest in a contract described in subsection (g) of this section.

(f) Any public official who willfully and knowingly violates the foregoing provisions of subsections (d) and (e)