

PBC Commission on Ethics

- ❖ Established in 2010 and applied only to county officials and employees.
- ❖ Referendum held in 2010, 72% of municipal voters voted to extend to all 38 PBC municipalities. In 2011, Code changed for this purpose.
- ❖ In 2015, code changed to allow a hearing officer at all final public hearings.

❖ What we do:

- Foster integrity in public service
- Promote public trust in this service
- Prevent conflicts of interest between private and public interests

❖ How we do it:

- Conduct ongoing ethics training and community outreach programs
- Provide advisory opinions for various issues involving potential conflicts of interest or other issues
- Interpret and enforce the PBC Code of Ethics and other ordinances

❖ Responsible for interpretation and enforcement of three (3) county ordinances:

- Countywide Code of Ethics (applies to all county and municipal officials and employees, but not constitutional officers)
- Lobbyist Registration Ordinance (applies to county and 35 of 39 Municipalities, if they do not have a similar ordinance)
- County Post-Employment Ordinance (applies only to county commissioners and some high ranking employees)

❖ Who serves on the Commission on Ethics:

- Five volunteer members each appointed by one of the following entities:
 - Joint appointment by PBC Bar, Hispanic Bar, and F. Malcolm Cunningham Bar
 - PBC Chiefs of Police Association
 - President, Florida Atlantic University
 - PBC League of Cities

- PBC Chapter of the FL Institute of Certified Public Accountants