

## Eau Claire County Standards of Conduct and Financial Interest Form

### Congratulations, and Welcome to the Service of Eau Claire County

High moral and ethical standards among county officials and employees are essential to the conduct of good government. The Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors believes that a code of ethics for the guidance of County public officials and employees will help them avoid conflicts between their personal interests and their public responsibilities, improve standards of public service, and promote and strengthen the faith and confidence of the people of this County in their government. In recognition of these goals, the County has established an ordinance entitled Eau Claire County Code [Chapter 3.50](#), Conflict of Interest, and intends that it apply to County elected officials, appointed employees, appointed members of boards, commissions, committees and panels, and all employees (hereinafter collectively referred to as public officials). The purpose of this Code is to establish ethical standards of conduct for all County Officials and employees by identifying those acts or actions that are not compatible with the best interest of the County.

The County Board recognizes that the public officials of the County are drawn from society and, as such, cannot and should not be without all personal and economic interests in the decisions and policies of public government. It further recognizes that citizens who serve as County public officials retain their rights as citizens to interests of a personal and economic nature. The standards of ethical conduct for County public officials need to distinguish between those minor and inconsequential conflicts that are unavoidable in a free society and those conflicts that are substantial and material.

I do hereby represent that in my area of responsibility in the service of Eau Claire County, I:

1. Have read and understand Section [946.13](#) of the Wisconsin Statutes which prohibits an officer or employee of government from actually participating in the making of a contract in the amount of over \$15,000 in any one year, in his or her official capacity, if he or she has a direct or indirect interest in the contract;
2. Have read and understand the provisions of Section [19.59](#) of the Wisconsin Statutes which set forth ethical guidelines for local government officials;
3. Have read and understand all the provisions of [Chapter 3.50](#) of the Eau Claire County Code of Ordinances, requiring me to disclose interests in legislation, avoid conflicts of interest and refrain from using County property for personal gain;
4. Have and will comply with all applicable laws and regulations in my area of management or control with which I have come in contact, or of which I have had occasion to be aware;
5. Have not conducted County business with any corporation, company or partnership in which I have a financial interest (financial interest is defined in [Section 3.50.005 B.](#) of the Eau Claire County Code);
6. Agree to abstain from discussion or action upon any matter in which I have a personal financial interest pursuant to Section [3.50.010 E.](#) of the Eau Claire County Code;
7. Have not conducted County business with any corporation, company or partnership which employ members of my immediate family;
8. Have not received any commissions, fees, kickbacks, or anything of substantial value related to the conduct of my duties.

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Any exceptions to the above statement are set forth below (if none, state so):

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Do you or your spouse have a 10% or greater interest in any corporation or business with which Eau Claire County does business, may do business, or enter into contract(s)? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Complete box if applicable (interest of 10% or greater)	If yes, please furnish the following:
	Legal Business Name: _____
	Business Address: _____
	Your Relationship to the Business: _____
	Nature of sales or contract(s): _____ _____
	Dollar value of contract(s): _____
	Total dollar value of all sales or contracts with Eau Claire within one (1) year: _____

Transactions greater than \$15,000 per year between Eau Claire County and this business may constitute a violation of Section [946.13](#) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

