

## **MEMBERS CODE OF ETHICS**

Active Members and those Associate Members performing governmental functions must be held to the highest professional standards and must act at all times with fairness, courtesy and impartiality, and above all, with faithfulness and loyalty to the best interests and needs of the community. Active Members and those Associate Members performing governmental functions must uphold the values of truth, honesty and trustworthiness as they preserve, defend and protect the health, safety and welfare of the community in the built environment.

In order to further the purpose of the South Florida Building Officials Association the following general statements regarding the principles of ethical behavior of Active Members and those Associate Members performing governmental functions is adopted.

In keeping with these basic principles, Active Members and those Associate Members performing governmental functions shall:

Hold paramount and ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Support, promote and advance the integrity, honor and dignity of the Association.

Strive to perform their official duties in a manner which will increase the public's regard for the Code Official profession and the principles of the Association.

Keep informed, maintain competence, strive to advance the body of knowledge within which they practice, and provide opportunities for the professional development of their colleagues.

Never carry out official duties in a manner designed to secure special benefit to themselves, their families, or their friends.

Never accept any gift or gratuity from regulated entities, whether in the form of money, services, special favors, loan, travel, entertainment, hospitality, promise, or any other form, under circumstances in which it could be reasonably expected to cause influence of official decisions or be intended as a reward of any official action.

Never allow the influence of a personal relationship to induce or cause action that may be inferred to be biased or partial.

Never recommend or disparage products, suppliers or contractors, or otherwise show impartiality or exercise undue influence.

Shall not hold a private or other public position in addition to the person's primary public position which interferes or may interfere with the proper discharge of their public duties.

Not represent for profit, private interests before governmental agencies.

Not use confidential information, obtained as a result of public position, for personal gain.

Perform official duties for the public in a courteous, equitable, efficient, effective and professionalism manner.