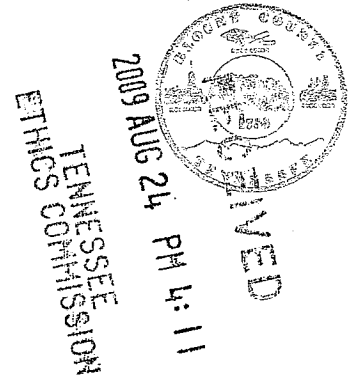


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August 21, 2009

Ms. Becky Bradley
 Ethics Specialist
 Tennessee Ethics Commission
 201 4th Avenue N., Suite 1820
 Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Ms. Bradley:

The Blount County Legislative Body assembled in regular session on June 18, 2009, and approved a Resolution to amend a Code of Ethics for Officials and Employees of Blount County Government.

Please find enclosed a certified copy of the minutes regarding this matter. If I can be of any further assistance, or provide any further information, please let me know.

Thank you for your help with this matter.

Sincerely,

Roy Crawford, Jr.
 Blount County Clerk

County Clerk

Roy Crawford, Jr.

Office Administrator

Rhonda Pitts CPS/CAP

RC/tp

Enclosure



BLOUNT COUNTY GOVERNMENT CODE OF ETHICS

Section 1. Definitions.

- (1) "County" means Blount County, which includes all boards, committees, commissions, authorities, corporations or other instrumentalities appointed or created by the county or an official of the county, and specifically including the county school board, the county election commission, the county health department.
- (2) "Officials and employees" means and includes any official, whether elected or appointed, officer, employee or servant, or any member of any board, agency, commission, authority or corporation (whether compensated or not), or any officer, employee or servant thereof, of the county.
- (3) "Personal interest" means, for the purpose of disclosure of personal interests in accordance with this Code of Ethics, a financial interest of the official or employee, or a financial interest of the official's or employee's spouse or child living in the same household, in the matter to be voted upon, regulated, supervised, or otherwise acted upon in an official capacity.

Section 2. Disclosure of personal interest in voting matters.

An official or employee with the responsibility to vote on a measure shall disclose during the meeting at which the vote takes place, before the vote and to be included in the minutes, any personal interest that affects or that would lead a reasonable person to infer that it affects the official's or employee's vote on the measure. In addition, the official or employee may, to the extent allowed by law, RECUSE himself or herself from voting on the measure.

Section 3. Disclosure of personal interest in non-voting matters.

An official or employee who must exercise discretion relative to any matter other than casting a vote and who has a personal interest in the matter that affects or that would lead a reasonable person to infer that it affects the exercise of the discretion shall disclose, before the exercise of the discretion when possible, the interest on the attached disclosure form and file the disclosure form with the county clerk. In addition, the official or employee may, to the extent allowed by law, RECUSE himself or herself from die exercise of discretion in the matter.

Section 4. Acceptance of gifts and other things of value.

An official or employee, or an official's or employee's spouse or child living in the same household, may not accept, directly or indirectly, any gift, money, gratuity, or other consideration or favor of any kind from anyone other than the county:

- 1) For the performance of an act, or refraining from performance of an act, that he would be expected to perform, or refrain from performing, in the regular course of his duties; or
- 2) That a reasonable person would understand was intended to influence the vote, official action, or judgment of the official or employee in executing county business.

It shall not be considered a violation of this policy for an official or employee to receive entertainment, food, refreshments, meals, health screenings, amenities, foodstuffs, or beverages that

are provided in connection with a conference sponsored by an established or recognized statewide association of county government officials or by an umbrella or affiliate organization of such statewide association of county government officials. It shall not be considered a violation of this policy for an official or employee to receive an occasional meal or other items of nominal value.

Section 5. Ethics Complaints.

Questions and complaints regarding violations of this Code of Ethics should be directed to the Human Resources Department. Complaints shall be in writing and signed by the person making the complaint, and shall set forth in reasonable detail the facts upon which the complaint is based.

All complaints will be first referred to an Attorney hired by the county for the sole purpose of reviewing the complaints and advising on the complaint. The attorney will then respond in writing to the Human Resources Department the course of action to be taken, if any, for each complaint. The Human Resources Department shall forward the findings to the Elected Official/Department Head overseeing the department whose employee is in question. In the case of an Elected Official, the findings shall be forwarded to the County Commission, if further action is warranted.

The interpretation that a reasonable person in the circumstances would apply shall be used in interpreting and enforcing this Code of Ethics. When a violation of this Code of Ethics also constitutes a violation of a personnel policy or civil service policy, the violation shall be dealt with as a violation of the personnel or civil service provisions rather than as a violation of this Code of Ethics.

Section 6. Applicable State Laws.

In addition to the ethical principles set out in this Code of Ethics, state laws also provide a framework for the ethical behavior of county officials and employees in the performance of their duties. Officials and employees should familiarize themselves with the state laws applicable to their office or position and the performance of their duties.



CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Instructions: This form is for reporting personal interests required to be disclosed under Section 3 of the Code of Ethics of Blount County Government. Officials and employees are required to disclose personal interests in matters that affect or would lead a reasonable person to infer that it would affect the exercise of discretion of an official or employee.

1. Date of disclosure: _____

2. Name of official or employee: _____

3. Office and position: _____

4. Description of personal interest. A financial interest of the official or employee, or a financial interest of the official's or employee's spouse or child living in the same household, in the matter to be voted upon, regulated, supervised, or otherwise acted upon in an official capacity. (describe below in detail):

Signature of official or employee

Witness Signature

Printed name of witness

center of the runway and any dwelling do seem to be in compliance with the design standards as well.

In conclusion I believe that we need to clearly define Private Non-Commercial Airstrips in our zoning regulations. They would then need to be added to the list of uses that can be permitted as a special exception. We would need to decide which zones would be appropriate for this use and prohibit them in the zones, if any, that are not. They would need to meet the site plan requirements in section 7.2 and the design standards that could look like the ones below.

Below you will notice the changes and additions that were suggested from the April planning commission meeting.

7.16 Design Standards for Private Non-Commercial Airstrips. In addition to requirements for special exceptions, the following shall be requirements for family commercial enterprises:

A. A site plan of the proposed landing strip shall be presented at the time of the proposal. See section 7.2 for site plan requirements.

B. The landing strip shall be appropriate for small single or double engine aircraft, and shall be constructed according to the manufacture's specifications for the type of aircraft involved. Documentation of manufacture's specifications shall be submitted with the site plan.

C. Airstrip runways are to be located no closer than one thousand (1000) feet from the centerline of the runway to the closest dwelling unit, excluding the owner of the property, and that said centerline be located no less than two thousand (2000) feet from any church, school or places of public assembly.

D. All landing strips shall be situated in such a manner that under no circumstances shall an approach or departure be over a residence, excluding the owners, provided that the residence be located a minimum of 2,000 (two thousand) feet beyond the end of the required landing strip length.

E. The site plan shall show all roads bordering the subject property, and the location and type of all adjacent utility lines.

F. If the airstrip is to be lit, a lighting plan meeting the requirements of section 7.14 D must be submitted as part of the site plan.

G. A state erosion control permit must be submitted prior to approval.

H. A slope and terrain analysis must be submitted to confirm that no topographical obstructions exist at the ends of the runway.

IN RE: RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ETHICS POLICY OF BLOUNT COUNTY.

Commissioner Lail made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Melton seconded the motion.

A vote was taken on the motion:

Ballard – no	Harrison – yes	Lambert - yes	Reeves – no
Burchfield – yes	Hasty – no	Lewis – yes	Samples – yes
Farmer – yes	Helton – yes	McCulley – no	Walker – no
French – absent	Keeble – yes	Melton – yes	
Graham – no	Kirby – yes	Murrell – no	
Hargis – yes	Lail – yes	Proffitt – no	

There were 12 voting yes, 8 voting no, and 1 absent. Chairman Samples declared the motion to have passed.

RESOLUTION No. 09-06-002

Sponsored by Commissioners: Holden Lail and Mike Lewis
A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BLOUNT COUNTY GOVERNMENT ETHICS POLICY

WHEREAS, the Blount County Commission, in previous action, approved the "Blount County Government Code of Ethics"; and

WHEREAS, the County can modify this Code of Ethics at any time it sees fit; and

WHEREAS, the County now believes it is time to amend the Code of Ethics to make certain changes to the policy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session this 18th day of June, 2009 that they hereby, by resolution, do amend the Blount County Government Code of Ethics as follows:

- Section 5, paragraph 1 is eliminated.
- Section 5, paragraph 2 remains unchanged.
- Section 5, paragraph 3 and 4 are eliminated

New paragraph added in Section 5 as follows: "All complaints will be first referred to an Attorney hired by the county for the sole purpose of reviewing the complaints and advising on the complaint. The attorney will then respond in writing to the Human Resources Department the course of action to be taken, if any, for each complaint. The Human Resources Department shall forward the findings to the Elected Official/Department Head overseeing the department whose employee is in question. In the case of an Elected Official, the findings shall be forwarded to the County Commission, if further action is warranted."

Section 5, last paragraph remains unchanged.

A black-lined copy with changes made of the Blount County Government Code of Ethics is attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately, the public welfare requiring it.

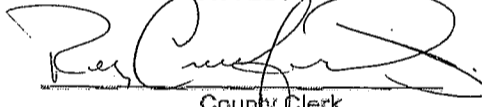
Duly authorized and approved the 18th day of June, 2009.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION




Commission Chairman

ATTEST



County Clerk

Approved:

Vetoed: _____
 _____
County Mayor Date

IN RE: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING STORMWATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT CRITERIA IN THE URBANIZED AREA OF BLOUNT COUNTY.

Commissioner Melton made a motion to approve the resolution and to change section 23, paragraph 5 to read that the County through the County Mayor's Office may bring legal action. Commissioner Proffitt seconded the motion.

A vote was taken on the motion:

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| Ballard – yes | Harrison – yes | Lambert – yes | Reeves – yes |
| Burchfield – no | Hasty – yes | Lewis – yes | Samples – no |
| Farmer – yes | Helton – yes | McCulley – yes | Walker – no |
| French – absent | Keeble – yes | Melton – yes | |
| Graham – yes | Kirby – yes | Murrell – yes | |
| Hargis – yes | Lail – yes | Proffitt – yes | |

There were 17 voting yes, 3 voting no, and 1 absent. Chairman Samples declared the motion to have passed.

STATE OF TENNESSEE, COUNTY OF BLOUNT
ROY CRAWFORD, JR. CLERK
OF THE COUNTY COURT OF SAID COUNTY, DO CERTIFY
THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE COPY OF THE
MINUTES OF BLOUNT COUNTY COMMISSION
AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD IN MY OFFICE
WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL IN MARYVILLE.

THIS 21ST DAY AUGUST 2009.
CLERK Roy Crawford, Jr. by Shonda Pittman