

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders (" the Board") places the public trust above all else and remains steadfast in its commitment to the highest ethical standards and the conduct of its business on behalf of the tax payers of Burlington County; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid even the appearance of impropriety the Board has determined to enact a complete ban on the acceptance of gifts and honoraria by members of the Board, County Department Heads, and County Employees; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the Burlington County Ethics Policy be amended, effective immediately, to include the following provisions:

PROHIBITION OF SOLICITATION OR ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

No Freeholder, Department Head, or Employee of the County of Burlington, member of their immediate family, or business organization which they have an interest, shall solicit or accept any gift, favor, loan, service, promise of future employment or any other thing of value from any person or entity which has a contract or the Freeholder, Department Head or Employee has reason to believe may be awarded a contract, whether awarded through a bid process or otherwise, with Burlington County. Excluded from this provision are the following:

- A. Gifts accepted on behalf of the County and transferred immediately to the County;
- B. Non-monetary awards presented in recognition of public service; and
- C. Gifts conferred on account of kinship if these gifts are otherwise legally permissible and are not bartered for another benefit to influence the performance of an official duty by the Freeholder, Department Head, or Employee.

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PROHIBITION OF ACCEPTANCE OF HONORARIA

No Freeholder, Department Head, or Employee of the County of Burlington shall accept any compensation, honorarium, or gift from any person or entity other than the County in consideration of an appearance, speech, or article unless the appearance, speech, or article is wholly unrelated to the Freeholder's, Department Head's, or Employee's service with Burlington County.

and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that these policies shall be incorporated as part of the existing Burlington County Ethics Policy adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on May 8, 1991 by virtue of Resolution #251.



VINCENT R. FARIAS

ADOPTED July 28

2004



FREDERICK F. GALDO,

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