

ORDINANCE 2017-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF PORTER COUNTY,
INDIANA ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A
CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

WHEREAS, Porter County, Indiana, recognizes the importance of eliminating conflicts of interest in the conduct of County business;

WHEREAS, Conflicts of interest are not only against state and federal regulations but are detrimental to the County's good reputation and the public's confidence in County government;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners also recognizes the value of collaboration that occurs at special events and functions such as conferences, dinners, and social outings in which Porter County officials and employees may be guests of one (1) or more vendors that do business with the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to fulfill both the letter and spirit of federal and state regulations addressing conflicts of interest, and desires to establish a dollar threshold of \$50.00, below which any financial interest or value of any gratuity is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA THAT:

1. The dollar value of \$50.00 below which any financial interest or value of any gratuity is not substantial and may be accepted per this policy.

2. The Board of Commissioners of Porter County, Indiana, establishes and adopts the Conflict of Interest Policy, which is attached to and made part of this Ordinance.

3. This policy shall be effective upon signing by the Board of Commissioners.

Approved this 15 day of August, 2017.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA

Jeffrey Good, President

Laura Blaney, Commissioner

Jim Biggs, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Vicki Urbanik, Auditor

8/30/17 - hspaxlp