October 19, 2007

Office of Secretary of State
Laws and Commission Section
PO Box 300
Trenton, NJ 08625-0300

RE: Code of Ethics and Conduct

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached please find Ordinance Nos. 0-05-20 and 0-05-27 which create a Code of Ethics and Conduct to govern the employment of employees and require competitive negotiation for professional service contracts.

These Ordinances are being filed with your office in accordance with Local Finance Notice 2006-1. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Very truly yours,

Bruce Davis
Township Clerk
Township of Howell

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Attachment

cc: Township Council
    Helene Schlegel, Interim Township Manager
    Ernest Bongiovanni, Township Attorney
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 0-05-20 WHICH CREATED A NEW CHAPTER 18 ENTITLED, "CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT" TO GOVERN THE EMPLOYMENT OF EMPLOYEES AND REQUIRE COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Howell, in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 0-05-20, Section 1-11 entitled, "General Provisions" is hereby amended to provide the following new subsection K as follows:

"K. Any person or persons providing professional services to the Township of Howell who violates the provision of this section shall be deemed to be ineligible for the award of a contract with the Township for a period of three (3) years."

Ordinance No. 0-05-20 is hereby amended to delete subsection 1-12 entitled, "Ethics Provisions", subsection A.1. and insert in its place and stead the following:

"A. All elected officials of the Township of Howell and candidates seeking office to the Mayor or Council positions shall be prohibited from the following:

1. Accepting campaign contributions from any firm or person engaged in the business of residential or commercial development within the State of New Jersey. This provision applies to any firm, partnership or corporation whose primary business purpose is the development of major subdivisions and site plans of either residential or commercial nature, whether their primary offices are located within a geographic boundaries of the State of New Jersey or outside those boundaries."

Ordinance No. 0-05-20 is hereby amended to delete subsection 1-13 entitled, "General Code of Conduct for Township Employees and Officials". subsections D and E and insert in their place and stead the following:
“D. Upon the effective date of this ordinance, the manager shall be prohibited from hiring a member of his or her family to any position within the Township. Family members of any members of the governing body are prohibited from being hired by the Township during the course of their term as an elected official. This prohibition shall continue for a period of twelve months immediately following the vacation of office by the elected official. Family members of Township professionals or outside consultants are prohibited by being employed or hired by the Township during the period of their appointment.

“E. Party Officials are prohibited from being hired by the Township for a period of 12 months after they terminate their appointment or official position. Family Members of a party official are prohibited from being hired by the Township for a period of 12 months after they leave office.”

Ordinance No. 0-05-20, subsection 1-13 entitled, “General Code of Conduct for Township Employees and Officials” is hereby amended to provide the following new subsection G as follows:

“G. Any person or persons found to have violated provision of this Chapter shall be subject to sanction and/or penalties as set forth under the New Jersey Local Ethics Law, or ordinances of the Township of Howell.”

SECTION 2. This ordinance repeals any inconsistent ordinance or ordinances or part or parts thereof.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Council of the Township of Howell on August 16, 2005 and will be further considered for final passage and adoption at the Township Municipal Building on Prevenatorium Road, Howell, New Jersey on September 20, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached on the agenda, at which time and place all persons interested therein shall be given an opportunity to be heard and during the week prior thereto, and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said Ordinance will be available at the Clerk’s Office in the Township of Howell Municipal Building to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

BRUCE DAVIS
Municipal Clerk
This is to certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Township Council at a regular meeting of the Township of Howell held September 20, 2005.

BRUCE DAVIS
Municipal Clerk