

Municipal Ethics Questionnaire

What do you think? Check one answer per question.

1. A Mayor contacts the municipal court judge about a ticket issued to the Mayor's friend.
 That Stinks! or ***No Prob.***
2. The Mayor, who is a board member of a bank that funded construction of a building that mistakenly encroached significantly into a setback, spoke to the Planning Director about the merits of the city approving an after-the-fact variance. ***That Stinks!*** or ***No Prob.***
3. During a break between Executive Session and Open Session, a City Council Member explains to a neighbor in the audience the gist of what was said behind closed doors regarding an agenda item. ***That Stinks!*** or ***No Prob.***
4. The Mayor Pro Tem asks the City Secretary to help him complete her campaign finance forms during and after the election. ***That Stinks!*** or ***No Prob.***
5. A City Attorney offers one opinion about the legality of the city's position in a lawsuit, but a month later takes a different stance after a new majority is elected to the City Council.
 That Stinks! or ***No Prob.***
6. A City Manager goes to a series of private lunches at local restaurants at the invitation of each of the 3 finalists being considered for award of a 7-year exclusive franchise agreement for the community's solid waste collection. ***That Stinks!*** or ***No Prob.***
7. The Mayor often uses his city-issued credit card to take his wife out to dinner in town.
 That Stinks! or ***No Prob.***
8. A Police Chief owns and operates a profitable private business conducting training for regional emergency responders. ***That Stinks!*** or ***No Prob.***
9. The Purchasing Manager and staff are guests at an NBA game in a luxury sky box (suite) owned by an investor for the company that operates the city's municipal wastewater treatment plant under contract. ***That Stinks!*** or ***No Prob.***
10. A Council Member insists on being able to speak uninterrupted during City Council Meetings, yet routinely cuts-off members of the public during Citizen Comment Periods and Public Hearings. ***That Stinks!*** or ***No Prob.***
11. Many of the city's largest vendors are significant donors to the popular nonprofit organization providing after school care for children, for which the Mayor's husband is employed as Executive Director. ***That Stinks!*** or ***No Prob.***

12. The City Engineer resigns to go to work for a development firm that constructs buildings inside the City Limits, including projects on vacant lots the engineer had previously described publicly as “difficult to impossible to build upon.” *That Stinks!* or *No Prob.*
13. A Mayor’s Information Technology (IT) consulting firm is retained by the City to oversee configuration of the City’s new server and maintain its computers and network. *That Stinks!* or *No Prob.*
14. The City Manager remains silent after learning that the Mayor and his family secretly moved into a house outside of the City Limits. *That Stinks!* or *No Prob.*
15. City Firefighters routinely dine at restaurants that provide them with free meals when in uniform. *That Stinks!* or *No Prob.*
16. A City Secretary creates and files the Certified Agenda (aka, “minutes”) of an Executive Session a year after the meeting occurred. *That Stinks!* or *No Prob.*
17. The Chairperson of the Planning & Zoning Commission recuses himself from voting on an item because he is representing the property owner on that item and advocating the owner’s interests at the P&Z meeting. *That Stinks!* or *No Prob.*
18. A Mayor appoints her husband to serve on the Economic Development Corporation’s board of directors. *That Stinks!* or *No Prob.*
19. The City Planner owns and operates a consulting business on the side providing urban planning, design, and mapping services to local developers. *That Stinks!* or *No Prob.*
20. A City Secretary used her city email account (address and auto signature) to transmit a receipt to a client of her private cosmetics business. *That Stinks!* or *No Prob.*

