

CODE OF ETHICS
TOWN OF WINFALL, NORTH CAROLINA

Preamble

The stability and proper operation of a democratic representative government depends on the continuing consent of the governed, upon the public confidence in the integrity of the government and upon responsible exercise of the trust conferred by the people. Government decisions and policy must be made and implemented through proper channels and processes of the governmental structure. The purpose of this Code is to establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct for the Mayor and Town Councils. It should not be considered a substitute for the law or the Mayor's or Town Councils' best judgment.

The Mayor and Town Councils must be able to act in a manner to maintain their integrity and independence yet must be responsive to the interests and needs of those they represent.

The Mayor and Town Councils serve in an important advocacy capacity in meeting the needs of citizens and should recognize the legitimacy of this role as well as the intrinsic importance of this function to the proper operation of representative government. At the same time, the Mayor and Town Councils must, at all times, act in an adjudicatory or administrative capacity and must, when doing so, act in a fair and impartial manner. The Mayor and Town Councils must know how to distinguish these roles and when each role is appropriate and they must act accordingly. The Mayor and Town Councils must be aware of their obligation to conform their behavior to standards of ethical conduct that warrant the trust of their constituents. The Mayor and Town Councils must find within their own conscience the touchstone on which to determine appropriate conduct.

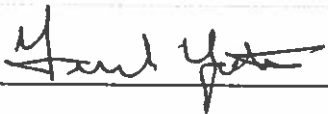
Section 1

The Mayor and Town Councils shall obey the law. The Mayor and Town Councils shall support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of North Carolina and the laws enacted by the United States Congress and the North Carolina General Assembly pursuant thereto.

Section 2

The Mayor and Town Councils should uphold the integrity and independence of their offices. The Mayor and Town Councils should demonstrate the highest standards of personal integrity, truthfulness, honesty and fortitude in all their activities in order to inspire public confidence and trust in local government. The Mayor and Town Councils should participate in establishing, maintaining and enforcing, and should themselves observe high standards of conduct, so that the integrity and independence of their offices may be preserved. The provisions of this Code should be construed and applied to further these objectives.

Adopted this 26th day of June, 2023.

Mayor  Clerk 