



**Town of Southern Shores**  
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**Resolution 2010-10-01**

**Code of Ethics for Town of Southern Shores  
Council Members and Members of Town Appointed Boards**

**WHEREAS**, Section 160A-86 of The North Carolina General Statutes requires local governing boards to adopt a code of ethics, and

**WHEREAS**, the proper operation of democratic government in the Town of Southern Shores requires that Public Officials and employees: a) be independent, impartial and responsible to the people, b) make decisions and policy in public, c) not use public office for personal gain and d) conduct all duties and direct all actions to maintain public confidence in the integrity of Southern Shores Government.

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the requirements of Section 160A-86 of the North Carolina General Statutes, we the Town Council do hereby adopt the following Code of Ethics to guide the Town Council and all other boards of the Town in their lawful decision-making.

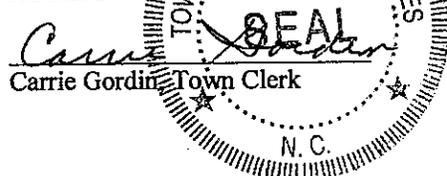
**CODE OF ETHICS**

As an elected official or appointed board member in the Town of Southern Shores:

1. I will obey the law and will not try in any way to influence application of the law by any of the town's authorities.
2. I will uphold the integrity and independence of my office.
3. I will avoid any impropriety or the appearance of impropriety in all of my activities.
4. I will manage and spend the Town's funds as if they were my own and will have the best interests of all Southern Shores taxpayers in mind in the expenditure of these funds.
5. I will minimize the risk of conflict of my private life dealing with my official duties. This particularly applies to any private employment or service for private interests when incompatible with the proper discharge of my official duties.
6. I will not use my position to harass or adversely influence any of the Town's employees.
7. I will respond promptly to concerns brought to me by any Town resident. In this regard I will grant no special consideration, treatment or advantage to any citizen beyond that which is available to any other citizen.
8. I will not try to influence any contractual dealing on the behalf of any constituent.
9. I will not accept a gift or other gratuity from anyone who presently conducts business with the Town or is likely to conduct business with the Town. This applies to any gift that a reasonable person believes is intended to influence a council member or board member in the performance of official duties. Exempted from the provision concerning gifts are legal political contributions; advertising items or souvenirs of nominal value; and meals of nominal value furnished at banquets, during personal activities, or during the conduct of private business. Gifts between officials and their friends and relatives who are not otherwise covered by this Code are also exempt.
10. I will faithfully perform the duties of the office.
11. I will conduct the affairs of the Town in an open and public manner, including complying with all applicable laws governing open meetings and public records.
12. I will sign a written acknowledgment of this Code of Ethics or its successor at the time of my election or appointment and yearly thereafter.

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.

ATTEST:



Carrie Gordon, Town Clerk

Hal Denny, Mayor