

# 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.*

