Code of Conduct for the Estes Park Board of Trustees

This Policy prescribes guidelines for behaviors of Town Trustees and appointed officials in the performance of their official duties and interaction with both the Public and Town Administration. Some ethical requirements are enforced by Federal, State or local laws. Others rely on training or on an individual's desire to do the right thing.

"Ethics" means positive principals of conduct and is defined as the rules or standards governing the conduct of a person or member of a group or profession.

Trust:

- Trustees treat their office as a public trust. The Town's resources and powers are to be used for the benefit of the public.
- Trustees shall act in good faith, be honest and honorable in all dealings and strive to provide a balanced approach in establishing policy.
- Trustees refrain from decisions in which their financial or personal interests are specifically affected by a decision and shall adhere to applicable Colorado Law governing conflict of interest.
- Trustees do not accept personal gifts except as specifically allowed by Colorado Law.

Respect:

- Trustees interact with the public, administration, employees and each other in a respectful manner.
- Trustees treat those providing input at Town meetings with respect.
- Trustees respect and adhere to their oath of office

Accountability:

- The Board of Trustees exercises its authority with open meetings and access to public records.
- The Board of Trustees hold executive sessions only for reasons allowed by Colorado Revised Statutes.
- Trustees are positive advocates for the Town and are accessible to the citizens of Estes Park.

Leadership:

- The Board of Trustees upholds the laws and ordinances of the Town of Estes Park and the State of Colorado.
- The Board of Trustees represents the citizens of Estes Park, and strives to meet the adopted mission and vision statements for the betterment of the community.
- The Board of Trustees establishes policies for the governance and safety of the community, sets fiscal policy and decides long term priorities.
- The Board of Trustees acts as a body to strive for a balanced approach to meet the current and future needs of its citizens.

Colorado Statute reference: CRS 24-18-101, et seq.; 24-18-201, et seq. and CRS 24-6-402. Adopted 02/10