



SALT LAKE COUNTY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

TO: ALL SALT LAKE COUNTY OFFICERS, VOLUNTEERS, BOARD MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES (“covered persons”)
FROM: THE SALT LAKE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE
SUBJECT: STATUTORY ETHICAL AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

All Salt Lake County covered persons must understand and follow a Utah law that prohibits, or requires disclosure of, certain actual or potential conflicts of interest between public duties and private interests. The County Officers and Employees Disclosure Act (§§ 17-16a-1, et seq., U.C.A., 1953 as amended) and Salt Lake Countywide Policy 1430 set the following requirements:

PROHIBITED ACTS

A covered person may not:

1. Disclose confidential information acquired by reason of the covered person’s official position or use such information to secure special privileges or exemptions for the covered person or others;
2. Use or attempt to use the covered person’s official position to secure special privileges for the covered person or for others; or
3. Knowingly receive, accept, take, seek or solicit, directly or indirectly, any gift or loan for the covered person or for another, if the gift or loan tends to influence the covered person in the discharge of his/her official duties.

DISCLOSURE REQUIRED

A covered person is required to make a disclosure if he or she:

- A. Receives or agrees to receive compensation for assisting a person or business entity in a transaction involving Salt Lake County;
- B. Is an officer, director, agent, employee or the owner of a substantial interest in a business entity that is subject to the regulation of Salt Lake County;
- C. Is an officer, director, agent, employee or owner of a substantial interest in a business entity that does or anticipates doing business with Salt Lake County;
- D. Holds an investment or other financial interest that creates a potential or actual conflict between the interest and the covered person’s public duties; or
- E. Hold some personal interest that creates a potential or actual conflict between the interest and the covered person’s public duties.

All written disclosures must be sworn statements containing the information described above and be in a form similar to that on the reverse side of this document. All such statements are public records, open to public inspection. All disclosures must be made as follows: Orally in any meeting of a county agency, board or division where a transaction is discussed involving a matter in which the covered person has an interest, and in writing when the conflict first arises. The general written disclosure must also be filed in January of each year that the outside interest exists. The written disclosure is filed through the covered person’s chain of command to the immediate supervisor, volunteer or community liaison, division director, department head or elected official, and county council.

Violation of these provisions may subject the covered person to disciplinary action or criminal prosecution. Any violations will be thoroughly investigated and prosecuted. Please be aware that this document is a shortened and simplified statement of the legal requirements involved in this area. Additional requirements or exceptions may apply. **YOUR CONDUCT WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAW, NOT THIS SUMMARY.** Feel free to direct any questions regarding the law’s ethical and disclosure requirements to the Civil Division of the Office of the District Attorney.

