

**BLUE LAKE TOWNSHIP**  
**Resolution No. 05072025-1 of 2025**

At a regular meeting of the Blue Lake Township Board, Kalkaska County, held in the Blue Lake Township Hall, located at 7534 Twin Lakes Road, Mancelona, Michigan 49659, on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025, at 7:00 p.m .

PRESENT: Brozovich, Almose, Fletemier, Nichol, Shoemaker

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was made by Fletemier and seconded by Almose, to-wit:

**Recitals**

WHEREAS, one of the most important roles of township government is to foster public confidence in the decisions made by elected and appointed township officials;

WHEREAS, public confidence in the decisions of township government is enhanced when public officials avoid both actual conflicts of interest and the appearance of conflicts of interest;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Code of Ethics for elected and appointed township officials which specify standards of conduct will assist those elected and appointed officials in avoiding circumstances that could negatively impact public confidence in the decisions those officials are called upon to make; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Lake Township Board desires to adopt a Code of Ethics for all elected and appointed township officials by the adoption of this resolution.

**Resolution**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Blue Lake Township Board hereby establishes the following Code of Ethics which shall be applicable to all elected and appointed officials of Blue Lake Township:

**TOWNSHIP OF BLUE LAKE**  
**CODE OF ETHICS**

- A. All elected and appointed officials of Blue Lake Township (township officials) shall abide by all of the following standards of conduct when discharging the duties of their respective offices:

1. Township officials shall treat each other and members of the public appearing before them with respect, fairness, and sincerity.
2. Township officials shall discharge the duties of their respective offices in accordance with prescribed constitutional, statutory, and regulatory procedures and shall apply the laws and policies of the township in an evenhanded manner without partiality, favoritism, or dishonesty and not for personal gain or benefit.
3. Township officials shall not divulge to any unauthorized person confidential information acquired in the course of their duties in advance of the time prescribed for its authorized release to the public.
4. Township officials who acquire confidential information in the course of their duties that is not available at the time to the general public shall not use such information to further their private interests or the private interests of another person.
5. Township officials shall not represent their personal opinions as that of Blue Lake Township or the township board, committee, commission, or board on which they serve, unless expressly authorized to do so.
6. Township officials shall not, directly or indirectly, make use of or permit others to make use of township property, equipment, vehicles, or supplies of any kind for personal gain or benefit.
7. Township officials shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit or accept any gift or a loan of money, goods, services or other thing of value which tends to influence or creates the appearance that it influences the manner in which they perform their official duties or is intended or has the appearance of being intended as a reward for any official act on their part.
8. Township officials shall not engage in or accept employment or render services that are incompatible or in conflict with the discharge of their official duties or that tends to impair their independence of judgment when discharging their official duties.
9. Except as permitted under the Contracts of Public Servants with Public Entities Act, MCL 15.321, *et seq.*, township officials shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit or be a party to a contract between themselves and Blue Lake Township and shall not solicit a contract between an entity in which they have a financial or personal interest and Blue Lake Township.
10. Township officials shall not participate in the negotiation or execution of contracts, making of loans, granting of subsidies, fixing of rates, issuance

of permits or certificates or other regulation or supervision relating to any business entity in which they have, directly or indirectly, a financial or personal interest.

11. Township officials shall not participate in and vote on land use decisions when they reside on or have an ownership interest in land within 300 feet of the parcel regarding which the decision is to be made.
12. When making discretionary, administrative decisions, including but not limited to land use decisions, township officials shall refrain from making statements or taking any actions outside the formal decision-making process that would suggest they have prejudged the matter before them or would in any way preclude them from affording the applicant and the public a fair hearing.

B. A willful violation of these standards of conduct may be grounds for removal of an appointed township official following procedures required by law.

YES: Al m o s e , B r o z o v i c h , N i c h o l , S h o e m a k e r ,  
F l e t e m i e r

NO: N o n e

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

TOWNSHIP OF BLUE LAKE

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Todd Fletemier, Supervisor

I, the undersigned, the Clerk of Blue Lake Township, Kalkaska County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Blue Lake Township Board at its regular meeting held on May 7, 2025, relative to adoption of the resolution therein set forth; that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Tracy Nichol, Clerk