

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**  
**HENDERSON COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** 2 September 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of Minor Changes to Ethics Ordinance  
**ATTACHMENT(S):** Revised Ethics Ordinance

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

A clarification is recommended to the Ethics Ordinance. The need for this change arose because of concerns from board and committee members regarding the appearance of a conflict between their employment and their participation on these boards and committees. This change does not allow members to vote on issues before the board or committee where they may have a direct interest but does not prevent them from appearing before other County boards, committees, or departments.

Only the modified section of the ordinance is included. The addition is underlined and highlighted in grey.

County staff will be present and prepared if requested to give further information on this matter.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to approve the revision to the County Ethics Ordinance.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

*I move the approval of the revision to the Ethics Ordinance as presented.*

## ETHICS CODE

### **Section 3. Standards of Conduct**

All County Officials as defined in this article shall be subject to and abide by the following standards of conduct.

(a) Interest in contract or agreement. No County Official shall participate in selection or award of a contract if the contract involves the County Official's interest or the Official is prohibited from voting pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-234.

(b) Use of official position. No County Official shall use his/her official position or the county's facilities for his/her private gain, or for the benefit of his interest, or for the benefit of any individual, which benefit would not be available to any other member of the public in the same or similar circumstance. No County Official shall represent any other private person, group or interest before any department, committee, or board of the county of which they are a member except in matters of purely civic or public concern. The provisions of this paragraph are not intended to prohibit a County Official from speaking before neighborhood groups and other nonprofit organizations.

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