

ORDINANCE No. 2022-06

An Ordinance of the Town of Edgewood, New Mexico,
Prohibiting Nepotism in Employment of Town Employees;
Prohibiting Financial Conflicts of Interest; Providing for a Penalty

Be it ordained by the Town Commission of the Town of Edgewood, New Mexico that:

Section 1. NEPOTISM DEFINED AND PROHIBITED

It is a rule of the Town to avoid the practice or appearance of nepotism in employment. Relative includes spouse, live-in marital partner, child, parent, brother, sister, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law or first cousin. In carrying out this rule the following shall apply without exception:

- A. No person shall be hired in any capacity or appointed in any capacity as a volunteer if the person is a relative of the Town Manager, the Commissioners, or the Municipal Judge;
- B. No person shall be hired, promoted, or transferred or appointed in any capacity as a volunteer to a position which is under the supervision of his/her relative. Supervision includes immediate and intermediate supervisor and
- C. Except as prohibited in this section, no applicant or employee who is a relative of another Town employee shall be prohibited for seeking and holding a position in the service of the Town or from retention and advancement in the Town service, provided such applicant or employee meets all applicable qualifications on a competitive basis.

Section 2. FINANCIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DEFINED AND PROHIBITED

No employee, Town Manager, Commissioner, Municipal Judge, or volunteer in the service of the Town shall have any financial interest in or profit from a contract, service or other work performed by the Town. No employee, Commissioner, Municipal Judge, or volunteer shall accept any free or preferred services, benefits or concession from any person or company which does business with the Town. Violation of these prohibitions with the knowledge expressed or implied of the person or corporation contracting with or making sale to the Town shall render the contract voidable by the Town Commission.

Section 3. PENALTY

Any Town official, employee, or volunteer who willfully violates this Section is guilty of malfeasance of office or position and shall be subject to dismissal or removal. In addition, violation of any prohibition in this Ordinance shall be punishable as a misdemeanor subject to a fine not exceeding \$500.00 or (90) days in jail or both.

This Ordinance supersedes Ordinance No. 1999-B

Passed, Adopted, and Approved this 19th day of July 2022.



Audrey J. Jaramillo, CMO, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nina McCracken, Clerk

