

Ordinance NO. 18 - 016

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND ETHICS ORDINANCE

for the Quad Cities Regional Economic Development Authority

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly has enacted the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (Public Act 93-615, effective November 19, 2003, as amended by Public Act 93-617, effective December 9, 2003), which is a comprehensive revision of State statutes regulating ethical conduct, political activities and the solicitation and acceptance of gifts by State officials and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires all units of local government and school districts, within six months after the effective date of Public Act 93-615, to adopt ordinances or resolutions regulating the political activities of, and the solicitation and acceptance of gifts by, the officers and employees of such units "in a manner no less restrictive" than the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, it is the clear intention of the Act to require units of local government and school districts to implement regulations that are at least as restrictive as those contained in the Act, and to impose penalties for violations of those regulations that are equivalent to those imposed by the Act, notwithstanding that such penalties may exceed the general authority granted to units of local government to penalize ordinance violations; and

WHEREAS, it is the clear intention of the Act to provide units of local government with all authority necessary to implement its requirements on the local level regardless of any general limitations on the power to define and punish ordinance violations that might otherwise be applicable; and

WHEREAS, because the Act provides for the imposition of significant penalties for violations of said local regulations, it is necessary to adopt the required regulations by Ordinance rather than by Resolution;

WHEREAS, all prior existing procedures or policies of the Quad Cities Regional Economic Development Authority (the "Authority") shall be superseded by this Ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Ethics Policy, included as Exhibit A to this Ordinance, is hereby adopted.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on the date of its passage.

PRESENTED, PASSED, AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of the Authority this 13th day of June, 2018



**QUAD CITIES REGIONAL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Scott A. Krummel

Chairman

ATTESTED:

Betty Stunt

Secretary