

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-26-CM**  
**AMENDING THE TIPPECANOE COUNTY CODE CONCERNING**  
**BUILDING PERMIT CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**WHEREAS**, The Indiana General Assembly enacted IC 36-1-27-4 mandating that units adopt ordinances concerning conflict of interest procedures with respect to the issuance of building permits;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, that the Tippecanoe County Code be amended to add a NEW SECTION 151.16 reading as follows:

**Section 151.16 Building Permit Conflicts of Interest**

(A) The purpose of this section is to satisfy the requirements of IC 36-1-27-4.

(B) As used in this section, “conflict of interest” means a direct or indirect financial interest in the issuance of a permit.

(C) As used in this section, “permit” has the meaning set forth in IC 36-7-4-1109(b).

(D) The Building Commissioner, a building code official, or building inspector may not issue a permit or oversee the issuance of a permit through a subordinate if the person has a conflict of interest.

(E) If a permit is requested or required that raises a conflict of interest for the deputy building commissioner, inspector, or other subordinate of the Building Commissioner, the person shall report the conflict to the Building Commissioner who shall either conduct the building permit process directly or refer the matter to another subordinate who does not have a conflict.

(F) If a permit is requested or required that raises a conflict of interest for the Building Commissioner, the Commissioner shall report the conflict to the President of the Board of Commissioners who shall appoint a qualified temporary replacement commissioner for the purpose of determining whether the permit should issue and otherwise overseeing the permit process as it pertains to the conflict.

(G) The code enforcement officials of the City of Lafayette and the City of West Lafayette shall be regarded as qualified temporary replacements for purposes of this section and shall be given consideration as potential replacements if willing and able to serve.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and signing and publication as required by law.

Presented to the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and approved on first reading this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2019, by the following vote:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
TIPPECANOE COUNTY

VOTE

Y

  
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David S. Byers, President

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Tracy A. Brown, Vice President

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Thomas P. Murtaugh, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Robert Plantenga, Auditor of Tippecanoe County

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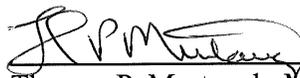
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