EL PASO COUNTY

ETHICS COMMISSION



Board Overview

The Ethics Commission was created by Commissioners Court in September 2009. The stability of democracy depends upon the continuing consent of the governed, which in turn depends upon the trust the electorate holds for its government. The Ethics Commission of the County of El Paso, Texas, in concert with elected county officials, as well as leaders of the various county departments recognize the need to maintain the public trust and confidence in the workings of county government and thus adopts this Code of Ethics: http://www.epcounty.com/ethicscom/documents/Code of Ethics.

The board does not have bylaws, but is governed by Chapter 161 of the Texas Local Government Code and its own Code of Ethics and Rules and Procedures.

Duties

The Ethics Commission adopts, publishes, and enforces an ethics code governing county public servants.

Seats

It is a 10-member commission that serves to adopt, publish, and enforce an ethics code governing county public servants.

Qualifications

In addition to the training requirements below, a person must also meet the following:

Sec. 161.056. ELIGIBILITY. (a) To be eligible for appointment to the commission, a person must:

- (1) Be at least 18 years old;
- (2) Be a property taxpayer in the county; and
- (3) Have resided in the county for the two years immediately preceding the date on which the person's term will begin.
- (b) A person is not eligible for appointment to the commission if the person is:
 - (1) An elected officer;
 - (2) A county employee;
 - (3) A county affiliate;
 - (4) A person employed as a lobbyist;
 - (5) A person convicted of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or a felony; or
 - (6) A person who is delinquent in payment of local, state, or federal taxes.

Sec. 161.104. COMMISSION MEMBER EDUCATION AND TRAINING. (a) Not later than the 30th day after the date a person is appointed to the commission, the person must complete training on the following matters:

- (1) the legislation that created the commission;
- (2) the role and functions of the commission; and
- (3) the requirements of:
 - (A) the open meetings law, Chapter 551, Government Code;
 - (B) the public information law, Chapter 552, Government Code; and

- (C) other laws relating to public officials, including conflict-of-interest laws.
- (b) A member of the commission must complete subsequent training programs on the following matters:
 - (1) the ethics code adopted by the commission; and
 - (2) the procedural rules adopted by the commission.
- (c) A person who is appointed to and qualifies for office as a member of the commission may not vote, deliberate, or be counted as a member in attendance at a meeting of the commission after the 30th day after the date the person is appointed to the commission unless the person has completed a training program as required by Subsection (a).

The training above is provided for the candidates through the County of El Paso.

Terms

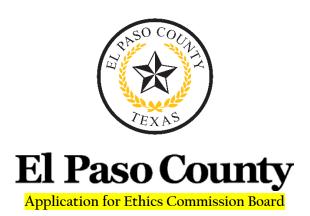
Each term is for two years.

Meeting Time

The Commission usually meets on the first Thursday of the first month of each quarter to review items that have been placed on the agenda. If any complaints or issues need to be addressed by the Commission between regular meetings, a special meeting will be held. With the exception of Executive Session, these meetings are always open to the public.

Submit Application & Background Investigation Form to the El Paso County Administrative Department at:

500 E. San Antonio, Suite 302A El Paso, TX 79901 Phone: (915) 546-2215 Fax: (915) 546-2217 or via email Email: countychiefadmin@epcounty.com



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Previous volunteer organi	izations and/or community servi	ice:	
Length of Residency in El	. Paso County:	(Years/Months)	
Do you have property in I	El Paso County under your name	?(No)	
Are your property taxes c	urrently paid?(Yes)	(No) If not, please give a brief explanation:	
Are you an elected officer	, county employee, county affilia	ate, or employed as a lobbyist?(Yes)(No	o)
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Signature of Applicant

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION AUTHORIZATION FORM

RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Dear Applicant:	
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