

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the County of Luzerne adopting an Accountability, Conduct, and Ethics Code in accordance with the Home Rule Charter of Luzerne County (the "Charter").

WHEREAS, Article IX of the Charter requires that an Accountability, Conduct, and Ethics Code be established and maintained as a means for ensuring those involved in Luzerne County government receive no financial benefits from their public positions other than their lawful compensation and receive no benefit on the profits or emoluments of any contract, job, work, or service performed for the County, or accept anything of value, upon terms more favorable than those granted to the public generally, from any person dealing with the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 2.11 and 9.02 of the Charter, the County Manager has on February 28, 2012 proposed and submitted to County Council this Ordinance to approve and adopt the attached Accountability, Conduct, and Ethics Code for Luzerne County; and

WHEREAS, if the attached Accountability, Conduct, and Ethics Code is not adopted by Ordinance, with or without amendments, within two (2) months after February 28, 2012, the attached Code will stand adopted and would become immediately effective pursuant to Section 9.02 of the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the County of Luzerne wishes to adopt the attached Accountability, Conduct, and Ethics Code as proposed and submitted by the County Manager with the attached amendments.

THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF LUZERNE HEREBY ENACTS THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION ONE. Incorporation of Preamble.

The provisions set forth above in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

SECTION TWO. Adoption of Accountability, Conduct, and Ethics Code.

The attached Accountability, Conduct, and Ethics Code as proposed and submitted by the County Manager and amended by the County Council is hereby adopted in accordance with Section 9.02 of the Charter.

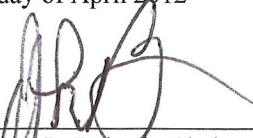
SECTION THREE. Effective Date.

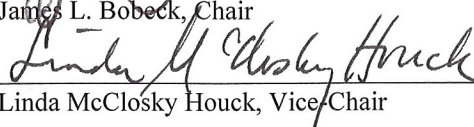
This Ordinance shall take effect on the thirtieth (30th) day following its enactment.

SECTION FOUR. Repealer.

Any Resolution or Ordinance or parts thereof that conflict with or are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency with this Ordinance.

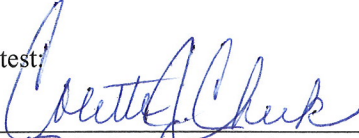
Enacted by County Council, this 24th day of April 2012



James L. Bobeck, Chair


Linda McClosky Houck, Vice Chair

Attest:



Colette Check, Interim Clerk to County Council