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Arapahoe County updates boards/committees policies, procedures *Changes address conflict of interest for citizens serving on boards and committees*

LITTLETON, CO --- The Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners amended its policies and procedures Tuesday to address potential conflicts of interest by citizens appointed to serve on advisory boards, committees and other governmental entities.

Citizens appointed by the Commissioners to serve on any of the County's 24 boards, committees and other governmental entities will be required to acknowledge conflicts of interest to Arapahoe County.

"We appreciate the hard work and dedication of the Arapahoe County citizens who want to help shape their community by volunteering to serve on a board or committee," said Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, who serves as Board Chair. "With the adoption of this policy today, citizens appointed to County boards, committees or other governmental entities may not personally profit or financially benefit from the business of the entities to which they are appointed."

Each year, the Board of County Commissioners appoints more than 150 civic-minded Arapahoe County citizens seeking to serve on a variety of advisory boards and committees, including boards for governmental entities.

The changes adopted Tuesday are the first step to codify, or summarize a portion of the County's policies and procedures into one place, which will be posted on the County's web site and will be presented to all citizens appointed to the County's Boards and Committees.

In addition, the County will update its application form to include Tuesday's revisions, as well as add attendance and participation expectations, a statement on expense reimbursement policies and limitations on the provision of legal advice.

Once all policy and procedure changes are made and approved by the Commissioners, all County appointees to boards or committees will be required to sign a form acknowledging and agreeing to the policies. If an appointee feels they have a conflict of interest, they must notify the Board of County Commissioners as soon as possible. Once notified, the Commissioners will review the nature of the conflict and determine whether to allow the appointee to serve on the board or committee.

A copy of the policy is available under What's New on the County's web site at www.co.arapahoe.co.us.

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