



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 4101:7-3-03 Building department personnel statement of ethics.

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The protection of life, health, and property is a responsibility of the highest order. Recognizing the public's trust bestowed upon individuals engaged in the administration and enforcement of building regulatory codes, the board of building standards requires that certified code officials adhere to a standard of professional behavior that exemplifies the highest ideals and principles of ethical conduct, including the following:

- (A) Recognizing the public's trust bestowed upon them in the protection of life, health safety and property;
- (B) Performing services only in areas of competence and certification;
- (C) Providing services in a professional, courteous, impartial, responsive, and cooperative manner, and placing no unrelated conditions on building code services;
- (D) Not passing upon, inspecting, or otherwise exercising authority over any labor, material, or equipment furnished by, through, or for the benefit of them for the construction, alteration, or maintenance of the building or the preparation of the construction documents thereof;
- (E) Completing regular training in Ohio ethics laws and seeking guidance from the Ohio ethics commission when necessary;
- (F) Uniformly applying and enforcing Ohio's codes;
- (G) Advising and assisting in the administration of building codes consistent with the board's administrative rules; and
- (H) Participating in continuing professional development and providing opportunities for the professional development of those under supervision.



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