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## July 1965 – June 1966

### Advisory Opinion No. 66-01

**Date:** 4/19/66

**Topics:** Conflict of Interest; Town Employees

**Code Sections:** Section 4, Section 2 (8)

**Statement of Facts:**

A sanitarian in the Health Department also worked as an interior designer. The duties of sanitarian consist of inspecting restaurants, food stores and investigating all phases of the Sanitary Code. The work performed as an interior designer consists of drawing plans for remodeling of existing homes and the interior design of new homes, and it was represented to the Board that the only connection between these activities and the duties of sanitarian deals with sewage disposal systems that are initially approved for installation and then finally approved for use under the sanitary code.

**Questions Presented:**

Is there a conflict of interest for Town employees to supplement their income by taking outside employment if there is a possibility that the outside employment may involve work for clients whose projects may need approvals from the Town?

**Discussion and Conclusion:**

Under Section 2 (8), what is prohibited is actually having an interest in a specific transaction, rather than having a potential interest in a transaction. Where a Town employee is permitted to engage in outside employment, it is best to avoid work for

clients whose projects are likely to be reviewed by that Town employee, but the mere possibility of a conflict does not itself represent a conflict of interest. The Board also suggested that the outside work should not interfere with the employee's normal duties for the Health Department.

## **July 1966 – June 1967**

**Records of the Board of Ethics for the 1967 Fiscal Year indicate that no Complaints or requests for Advisory Opinions were received in that year.**

## **July 1967 – June 1968**

**Records of the Board of Ethics for the 1968 Fiscal Year indicate that no Complaints or requests for Advisory Opinions were received in that year.**

## **July 1968 – June 1969**

**The Annual Report of the Board of Ethics for the 1969 Fiscal Year indicates that one request for an Advisory Opinion was received in that Fiscal Year, but does not include a summary of the Opinion. No files from this year appear to have been maintained.**