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FixCarver Guide to Filing Complaints of Impropriety

The following information is provided by fixcarver.com to citizens who wish to fulfill their roles as activists and watchdogs of our government. The websites are complete easy to follow and understand. You may direct questions to the people of fixcarver.com who have been watchdogs of Clownhall in the Town of Carver since the late 1990's. We will lend the experience and expertise gained over the past 15 years to you. Contact us at Citizen2@fixcarver.com.

THE STATE ETHICS LAW

The State Ethics Law M.G.L. c. 268A and c. 268B

The state ethics law is administered by the State Ethics Commission and governs the conduct of public employees including financial conflicts of interest, disclosure of financial conflicts, accepting gifts over \$50.00, hiring relatives, actions involving the appearance of impropriety, use of position to gain undue influence, using public resources like computers or phones for political or private purpose. To learn more about the law using easy to read guides and training material and how to file a complaint (identity of complainant information is not public information) visit

<http://www.mass.gov/ethics/about-the-commission/organization/the-enforcement-division/>

or to read the law yourself visit

<http://www.mass.gov/ethics/laws-and-regulations-/conflict-of-interest-law.html>

<http://www.mass.gov/ethics/laws-and-regulations-/financial-disclosure-law.html>

Public Records

Public Records Laws G. L. c. 4, § 7(26) & Public inspection and copies of records G. L. c. 66, § 10 (2006 ed.)

The public records law is administered by Secretary of State William Galvin it covers all books, papers, maps, photographs, recorded tapes, financial statements, statistical tabulations, or other documentary materials or data, regardless of physical form or characteristics, made or received by any officer or employee of any office, department, board, commission, bureau, division or authority of the commonwealth, or of any political subdivision thereof there are a handful of exemptions which may be found on the Secretary of States website. These rules cover public release of records, how to request records, how much you may be charged for records and how and when records may be destroyed. Please note that meeting minutes may be covered by both the public records and open meeting law (when in doubt file separate complaints under both laws). To learn more about the law using easy to read guides, training material and how to file a complaint visit.

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/pre/preidx.htm>

or to read the law yourself visit

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/pre/prepdf/pubreclaw.pdf>

THE OPEN MEETING LAW

OPEN MEETING LAW, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25 & THE REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE OPEN MEETING LAW

The Open Meeting law is administered by the Open Meeting Division of the Massachusetts Attorney Generals Office. It covers the rules of what business must be conducted in open session and what may and may not be done in executive (not open to the public) session. Please note that meeting minutes may be covered by both the public records and open meeting law (when in doubt file separate complaints under both laws). To learn more about the Open Meeting Law using easy to read guides, training material and how to file a complaint visit.

<http://www.mass.gov/ago/government-resources/open-meeting-law/>

or to read the law and regulations yourself visit

<http://www.mass.gov/ago/docs/government/open-meeting-law-gl-c-30a-18-25.pdf>

<http://www.mass.gov/ago/government-resources/open-meeting-law/940-cmr-2900.html>

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