

- *Replacing § 45-10 in its entirety with the following language:*

A. Jurisdiction. The Board shall act only with respect to officials and employees of the Town of Yorktown. The Board shall accept all complaints sent or forwarded to it. Those complaints not under the Board's jurisdiction as stated above shall be forwarded to the appropriate investigating agency.

C. Powers and duties. The Board shall render advisory opinions to the Town Board under such rules and regulations as the Board may prescribe. Such advisory opinions shall be rendered pursuant to a written request of the Town Board or an employee or official of the Town, or a written signed complaint concerning an alleged violation of the Ethics Code from any person. In the case of such a written complaint, the Board may only review the matters raised in said complaint—it may minimally review matters outside the four corners of the complaint. The Board may seek the advice of the Town Attorney. In addition, the Board shall have the following powers and duties:

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The Town Attorney is expressly prohibited from discussing Ethics Board matters with members of the Town Board without the express written permission of the Ethics Board agreed to by a majority of the Ethics Board.

(2) Render advisory opinions to the Town Board, Town officials and employees. Such advisory opinions shall be rendered pursuant to the written request of any Town official or employee under such rules and regulations as the Board of Ethics may prescribe and shall have the advice of the Town Attorney.

(3) Subject to approval of the Town Board, prescribe rules and regulations governing its own internal organization and procedures in a manner consistent with this chapter.

(4) Periodically review the laws governing the conduct of Town officials and employees and recommend changes to those laws.

(5) Review annual disclosure statements to determine whether any person required to file such a statement has failed to do so, has filed a deficient statement or has filed a statement that reveals a possible or potential violation of this chapter.

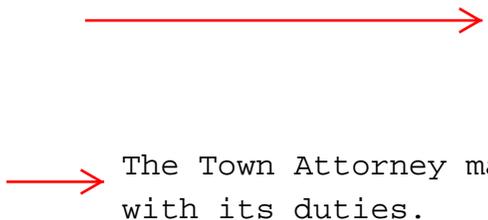
(6) Notify the Town Board where review of an annual disclosure statement finds a deficiency or a potential violation of this chapter.

(7) Investigate all complaints and referrals concerning possible violations of this chapter.

(8) Elect its own Chairperson.

- *Replacing § 45-12 in its entirety with the following language:*

The Board of Ethics, with the assistance of the office of the Town Attorney shall lead all investigations necessary to enforce this chapter. The Board shall render its advisory opinion concerning the investigation to the Town Board. The Town Board shall announce at a public meeting said advisory opinion within 60 days of the receipt of the advisory opinion. At the discretion of the Town Board, the name and identifying information of the subject of the investigation may be redacted. The Ethics Board and the Town Attorney are expressly prohibited from discussing referrals to other agencies where there may be criminal liability or the identity of the complainant may be revealed. If a referral is made, the complainant shall be so informed as to the agency.



The Town Attorney may assist the Ethics Board but may not interfere with its duties.

If the Chair of the Ethics Board with a majority of the Ethics Board concurring is of the opinion that there is or may be a conflict utilizing the services of the Town Attorney, they may ask the Town Board to appoint outside counsel to assist in their investigation.