



Washoe County Code Enforcement Ten Commandments of Code Enforcement



Washoe County Code Enforcement, mindful of the public trust bestowed upon Code Enforcement Officers, has adopted ethical and moral standards of conduct as a proper rule and guide for all Code Enforcement Officers. These standards endeavor to exemplify the highest principles of ethics for the benefit of all public servants vested with enforcement authority relative to health, safety, the environment, land use or any public nuisance. Washoe County Code Enforcement recognizes that adherence to these principles will perpetually foster public confidence, respect and trust in the Code Enforcement Officer's performance of official duties, and for the Code Enforcement Officer as an individual. Therefore, a Code Enforcement Officer shall:

1. Uphold the Constitutional rights of all persons at all times.
2. Be ever vigilant to protect and preserve the public safety, health, welfare and quality of life of the communities in which they live and serve.
3. Uphold the highest standards of fairness, integrity and honesty.
4. Obey the laws of the land and the rules and regulations of the empowering agency.
5. Refrain from any and all conduct which may bring disfavor upon the Code Enforcement profession or his/her agency.
6. Never permit prejudices or personal relationships to unfairly influence professional decisions.
7. Place the needs of the public before personal needs, when in the performance of official duties.
8. Conduct investigations courteously and impartially.
9. Never accept any special favor or gratuity.
10. Strive to continue education and training throughout his/her career thereby providing the highest quality of professional services to the public, empowering agency, and his/her professional affiliations.

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