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**CB No. 10-33**

SC 10-02-21

## AN ACT

To establish legal and ethical standards of conduct for all officials and employees of the Sokehs Municipal Government and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SOKEHS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

- 1 Article 1. This Law shall be known as the *Sokehs Municipal 2*  
2 *Government Employees Code of Ethics and Rules of Conduct Act of 2021.*
- 3 Article 2. Purpose of this Law. To provide a set of legal standard of  
4 conduct and for compliance purposes by the employees and officials of the  
5 Government of Sokehs in order to maintain integrity, honor and honesty in all  
6 levels and branches of the Government.
- 7 Article 3. All employees of the Sokehs Government shall adhere to the  
8 following code of ethics to build public trust and ensure equitable treatment for all.
- 9 Article 4. In all cases, whether elected or appointed, full time or part-  
10 time employees of the Sokehs Municipal Government will perform their duties for  
11 the benefit of the citizens and constituents. They shall conduct the operations of the  
12 government with loyalty, integrity and impartiality, without allowing prejudice,  
13 favoritism or the opportunity for personal gain to influence their decisions or  
14 actions or to interfere with serving the public interest.
- 15 Article 5. Trustworthiness. All government employees should  
16 demonstrate the highest standards of personal integrity, truthfulness, and honesty in  
17 all public activities. The protection of confidential information from inappropriate  
18 use is of utmost importance and should be handled accordingly.
- 19 Article 6. No employee shall use the funds, property, equipment,  
20 supplies or labor of the government unless prescribed by a separate law by the  
21 Council, for a purpose which is for the private benefit of such employee or any  
22 other individual or group of individuals unless the same benefit is available to the

1 general public on equal terms or the use is in accordance with government policies.

2 Article 7. Gifts or Gratuities. No employee, shall directly or  
 3 indirectly solicit, accept, or receive any gift or consideration whether in the form of  
 4 money, services, loan, travel, meals, business luncheons, entertainment, or thing of  
 5 promise from any vendor, company, person, or entity who presently does business  
 6 with the Sokehs Municipal Government, has done business with the Sokehs  
 7 Municipal Government in the past, or is seeking to do business with the Sokehs  
 8 Municipal Government.

9 Article 8. No employee, acting within the scope of their employment  
 10 or because of their position, shall accept any non-monetary item or items with a  
 11 total value of more than \$10.00 received during one calendar day. The following  
 12 shall not constitute gifts or consideration for purposes of this ACT.

- 13 (1) Discounts offered to all government employees.
- 14 (2) Discounts offered to the general public or to private groups such  
 15 as professional organizations, religious, or service organizations.
- 16 (3) Entertainment provided at a public, professional or community  
 17 event in which multiple officials or employees of the government or other  
 18 governments are invited. Examples include: Picnics, holiday parties and  
 19 civic celebrations.
- 20 (4) Entertainment such as sport outings, or other sporting events  
 21 available to all government employees.
- 22 (5) Acceptance of a professional or public award reflecting positive  
 23 performance or community service.
- 24 (6) Campaign contributions reported in full compliance with federal,  
 25 state and local ordinances as they may apply.
- 26 (7) Informational materials such as books, reports, pamphlets,

1 calendars, or periodicals not prominently displayed.

2 (8) Greeting cards and items with little intrinsic value such as  
3 plaques, certificates, and trophies which are intended solely for  
4 presentation.

5 (9) Luncheons, dinners or other events where membership dues  
6 cover the price of the meal or where food is served in conjunction with  
7 training previously authorized by a supervisor.


8 Article 9. Employees of the Sokehs Government shall respect the  
9 traditions and customs of the State of Pohnpei and related traditional activities in  
10 the Municipality of Sokehs provided that such activity and actions is/are not in  
11 conflict with State and Sokehs Government laws.

12 Article 10. Any violation of the herein articles are punishable by:  
13 Immediate impeachment or termination from employment or Office; or  
14 Pay a fine of \$250.00 or three (3) months imprisonment

15 Article 11. The Chief Magistrate, Speaker and Chief Justice of Sokehs is  
16 responsible in ensuring the herein law is adhered to by all employees within their  
17 respective Departments of the Sokehs Municipal Government at all times.

18 Article 12. This Bill will become law after 30 days upon the signing of  
19 the Chief Magistrate on the Bill or without the signature of the Chief Magistrate.

20 E KAMANAMAN SANGEHR SOKEHS COUNCIL NI 17<sup>TH</sup> EN FEBRUARY,  
21 2021.

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21 Albert Johnny  
22 Speaker  
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