

Bridgewater Township

Planning Commission

Rules of Procedure for Identifying Potential Conflicts of Interest

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A Planning Commission member with a Conflict of Interest should not participate in any discussion or decision regarding the property.

Any one of the following is indicative of a Conflict of Interest:

- Member owns, leases, or rents property that is the subject of a request.
- The applicant or property owner is a relative, employer, employee, or close personal friend of the member.
- The member resides, owns, leases, or rents property that is within the public notification distance required by the governing statute.
- The member is employed by a company or party that represents an applicant, property developer, or owner.
- The member has a substantial business relationship with the applicant, property developer, or owner.
- Any member that feels they have a Conflict of Interest not specifically detailed may discuss the points of potential conflict before the issue is taken up at the PC meeting. If there is consensus among the PC that no conflict exists, the member should remain at the table and perform their PC duties.

When a conflict of interest is identified, the member will recuse herself or himself and physically leave the room. She or he will refrain from any participation or discussion on the topic. There can be no appearance that the conflicted member is influencing the Planning Commission on any conflicted matter. She or he will rejoin the table after the discussion and vote are completed.