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Case No. Example - 01City of Denton, Texas  
Ethics Complaint Form (§2-279)  
Updated: Jan. 2021

## ETHICS COMPLAINT FORM

Your Full Name

Kate Smith

Your Address

215 E. McKinney St.

City

Denton

State

TX

Zip Code

76201

Telephone Number

(440) 344-8119

Email Address – redacted if the Complaint Form is publicized

Kate.Smith@email.com

Name of person accused of violating §§2-272 and/or 2-273 of the Ethics Ordinance. If you are complaining about more than one individual, a separate Complaint form must be completed for each. The Complaint form may be photocopied if needed.

John R. Matthews

Name the position or title of the person accused of violating §§2-272 and/or 2-273 of the Ethics Ordinance.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Please indicate which section(s) of the Ethics Ordinance you believe was violated.

<input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 2-272 (a) Duty to Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 2-273 (d) Representation of Others
<input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 2-272 (b) Financial Disclosures	<input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 2-273 (e) Improper Influence
<input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 2-272 (c) Business Disclosures	<input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 2-273 (f) Misuse of Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 2-273 (a) Conflicts of Interest	<input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 2-273 (g) Abuse of Resources
<input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 2-273 (b) Gifts	<input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 2-273 (h) Abuse of Position
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sec. 2-273 (c) Outside Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 2-273 (i) Subsequent Work on Prior Projects

Provide a statement of facts constituting the alleged violation and the dates on which, or period of time in which, the alleged violation occurred. Only violation(s) listed under §§2-272 and/or 2-273 of the Ethics Ordinance will be considered for review. This statement does not constitute the required affidavit, which must be attached to this complaint.

From October 15, 2025, through January 10, 2026, John Matthews accepted paid consulting work with Lakeside Properties, LLC – a toact local real estate firm that regularly seeks zoning variances from the City of Denton. On January 26, John voted for a Lakeside Properties zoning variance request that he provided consulting services for.



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Provide detailed evidentiary facts supporting your allegations. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

- John can be seen voting on item C during the Jan. 26, 2026 meeting which was submitted by Lakeside properties: <https://www.video.com>
- Payment records from Lakeside show consulting fees paid to John in Dec. 2025 & Jan. 2026 for \$10,000.
- Lakeside's variance request includes language recommended by John in the ~~attach~~ attached consulting report.

By affixing your signature below, you are affirming that you (1) have read the complaint and know its contents and (2) believe the alleged violations to be true.

Kate Smith

Your Full Name (Printed)

X

Your Signature

1/29/26

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

Notary Stamp and Seal

\_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public in and for

\_\_\_\_\_, County, State of \_\_\_\_\_.

Notary Public

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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