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**Policy:** Staff Acceptance of Gifts and Donations

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The BPRYCS Department accepts gifts and donations that support the organizations mission from private donors in the form of cash or physical property subject to the *Restricted Gift Donations* policy.

Employees of the department may not solicit or accept personal gifts given because of their official position with the city. The staff acceptance of gifts and donations policy is described in Sec. 2-129.

Conflict of Interest in the *City of Bristol Code of Ordinances*.

**Sec. 2-129. Conflict of Interest**

No official shall accept or solicit anything of value whether in the form of a gift or promise of a gift from any person. For the purposes of this section a person shall mean an individual, sole proprietorship, trust, corporation, union, association, firm, partnership, committee, club or other organization or group of persons. A gift shall include the receipt of any payment, subscription, rendering of service, deposit of money or anything of value unless the amount paid by the official is that normally charged to the general public for like goods, services or loans. This section shall not apply to the receipt of any food or beverage or both, consumed on a single occasion. This section further shall not apply to campaign contributions.

No official who has a financial or personal interest, either individually or as a member of a group that has a financial or personal interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction or contract with the city, or decision of any board, body, or commission, or in the sale of real estate, material, supplies, or services to the city, on which he may be called to act upon in his official capacity, shall vote upon or otherwise participate in the transaction, contract, or decision and shall excuse himself from the proceedings in accordance with sections 6 and [64](#) of the Charter of the City of Bristol.