



The Ohio Ethics Commission:

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1974: Name That Tune!



NIXON RESIGNS

HE URGES A TIME OF 'HEALING'; FORD WILL TAKE OFFICE TODAY

'Sacrifice' Is Praised; Kissinger to Remain

By ANTHONY MELI

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9—The resignation of President Richard M. Nixon, announced today, was hailed as a "time of healing" for the country and the world. The President's decision to step down was praised as a "sacrifice" for the good of the country. Vice President Gerald R. Ford, who will take office today, was praised for his leadership and for his decision to accept the presidency. Henry Kissinger, the President's chief of staff, was announced to remain in his post. The President's resignation was announced at 10:00 a.m. EDT. The President's decision was hailed as a "time of healing" for the country and the world. The President's decision to step down was praised as a "sacrifice" for the good of the country. Vice President Gerald R. Ford, who will take office today, was praised for his leadership and for his decision to accept the presidency. Henry Kissinger, the President's chief of staff, was announced to remain in his post. The President's resignation was announced at 10:00 a.m. EDT.



The 37th President Is First to Quit Post

By JOHN HERRERA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9—Richard M. Nixon, the 37th President of the United States, announced tonight that he had given up his last and arduous fight to remain in office and would accept, without any further conditions, Gerald R. Ford, whom he, Nixon, nominated for Vice President last Dec. 30, will be sworn in tomorrow at the same hour as the 36th President, to serve out the 400 days remaining in Mr. Nixon's second term. Since 1789 there have been only 14 presidents to whom Congress has taken a preliminary step toward removal.

The rest of the article will be found on Page 2.

SPECULATION RIFE ON VICE PRESIDENT

Some Ford Associates Say
Sending a Successor
Could Take Weeks

POLITICAL SCENE SHARPLY ALTERED

Rise and Fall

Appraisal of Nixon Career

JAWORSKI ASSERTS NO DEAL WAS MADE



Ohio Ethics Law Passed 1973

Ohio Ethics Commission

January 1, 1974

- Advice
- Education
- Investigation
- Financial Disclosure





The Ohio Ethics Law

- Conflict of Interest
- Gifts
- Public Contracts
- Sales to Public Agencies
- Nepotism
- Post-Employment

Conflicts of Interest

ORC 102.03(D)



“Definite & Direct”



Self



Family



Business Associate

Recuse (aka: Don't Do It!)

- Vote
- Authorize
- Recommend
- Inspect
- Investigate
- Advocate/Lobby
- Any other action!



Questions?



Quiz Time!

Groovy
or
Bummer?





Is it legal for a sewer district employee or officials to have a well water digging business in his or her private life?





Can an Ohio EPA employee use his/her state government wetlands credentials to advertise a private wetlands consulting business?





Can a Village Council member vote on a Water Bill Forgiveness initiative, effectively relieving himself of more than \$5,000 in water bill debt to the village?



Questions?



Gifts

ORC 102.03 (E)
ORC 102.03 (F)





Substantial



Improper



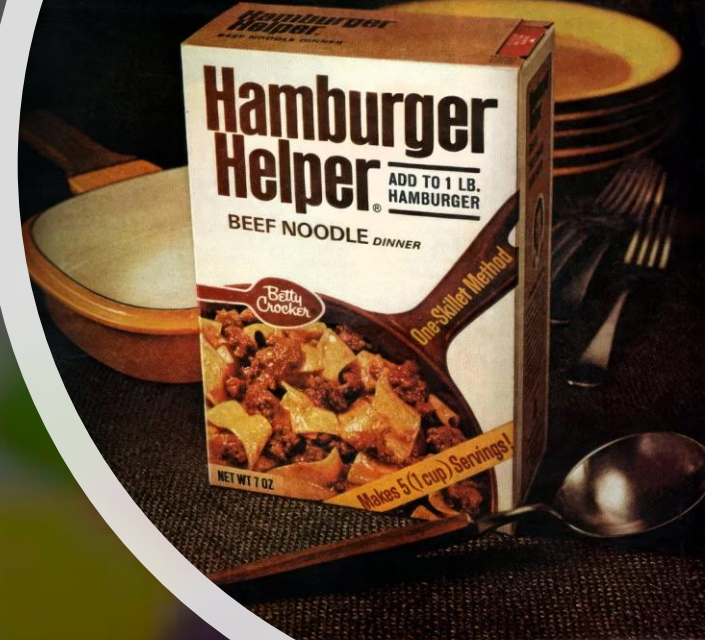
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Improper

- Doing Business
- Seeking to do Business
- Regulated By
- Interested In

Substantial





for five.



Nominal
“De Minimus”

Substantial



Improper



Substantial



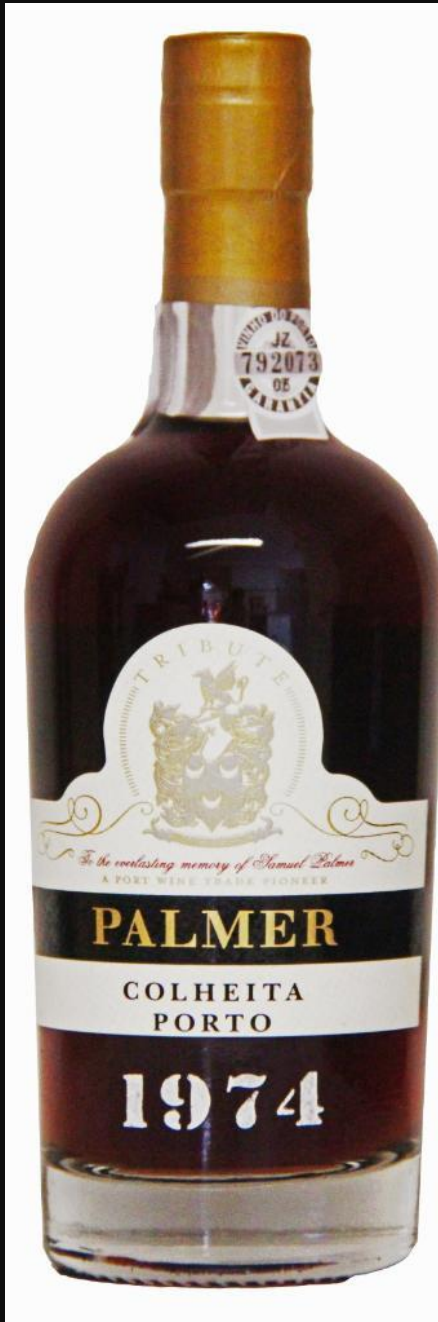
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Improper



Supplemental Compensation

ORC 2921.43



Quiz Time!

Groovy
or
Bummer?



Groovy or Bummer?

Can a township accept donations from a company building a factory in the township to purchase equipment and train emergency responders for responding to emergencies?





Groovy or Bummer?

Can a building inspector accept a ticket to a professional sporting event from a vendor assuming the contract has already been finalized?





Groovy or Bummer?

Can public employees
speaking at a
conference accept free
registration and travel
expenses to the
conference?





Well, both...

Groovy or Bummer?

Are raffles prohibited
at conferences for
public employees?



No...



BUT...

Questions?



Public Contracts

ORC 2921.42(A)(1)



Secure Public Contract for:

- Self
- Family Member
- Business Associate



A public employee suggests using her t-shirt business to outfit agency field staff.



A township trustee votes to renew a snowplow contract for a company her husband owns.





A public employee prepares a bid spec response to her own public agency for the IT consulting firm that she works for part-time.

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- Family Member
- Business Associate



Quiz Time!

Groovy
or
Bummer?





Can a wastewater employee also work for a consulting company that wishes to contract with the governmental entity where he works?



Can a City Council member solicit potential employment with the city drinking water plant before stepping down from city council?





Groovy or bummer?

Can a public employee serve on a selection committee to choose a consulting company for the agency if the company she works for part-time is pursuing the contract?





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- Family Member
- Business Associate



Sales to Public Agencies

ORC 2921.42(D)



Don't sell
goods/services
to your own
public entity!



Questions?



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Nepotism:

Keeping it
“All in the Family”



Family

- Spouse
- Sibling
- Parent/step-parent
- Child/step-child
- Grandparent
- Grandchild



Questions?

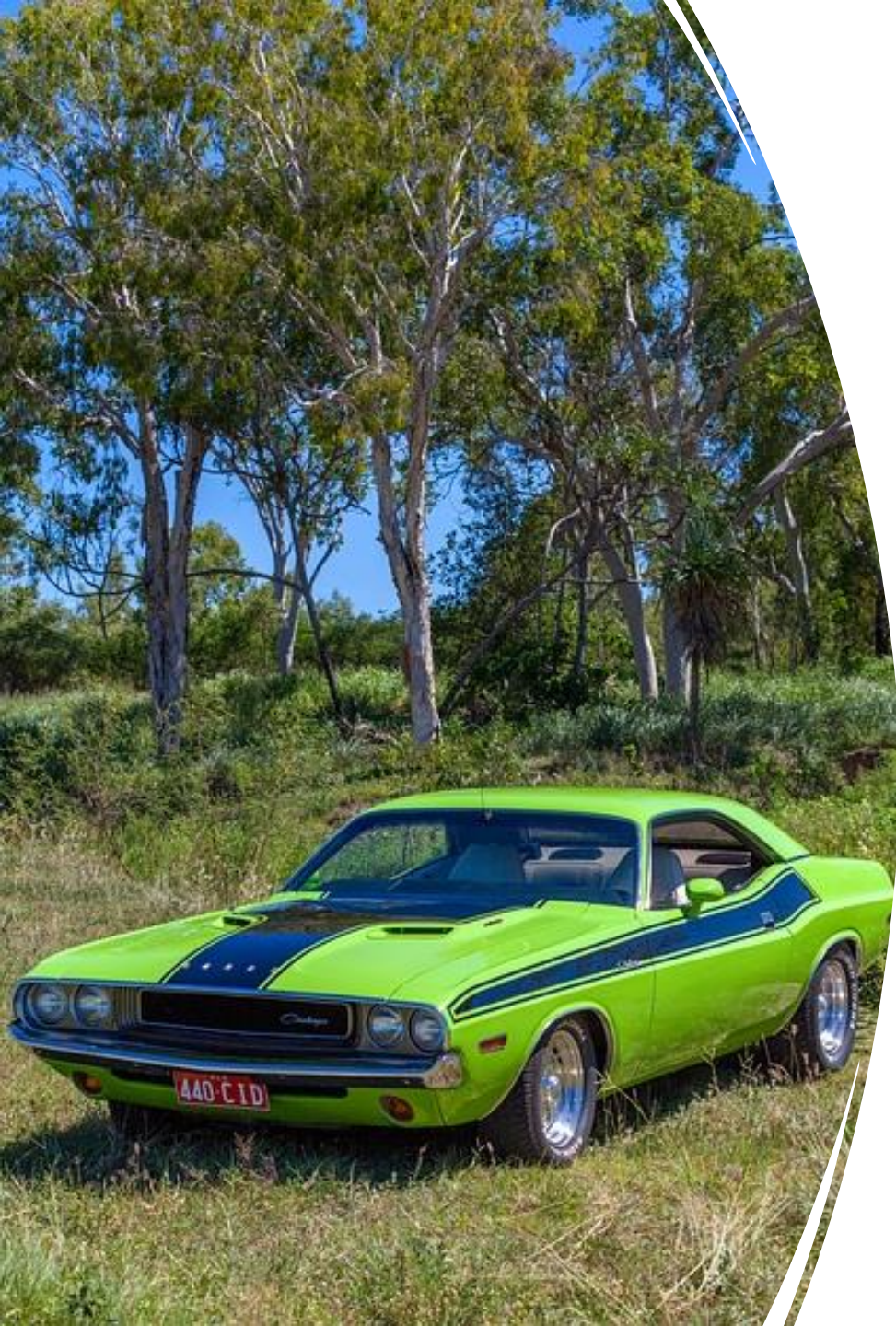


Post-Employment

ORC 102.03(A)







Post-Employment

- One year
- Representation
- Personal Participation

Questions?





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