

Roxanne Maher

From: Jessica Buhle
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 11:52 AM
To: Roxanne Maher; John Rich
Subject: Re: An Ordinance Establishing a Town of Ledyard Code of Ethics

Good morning,

Thank you for asking such a thoughtful and great question.

Section 7 states “No Town official, employee, or consultant... or group of employees shall solicit or accept any gift... from any person or entity who or which is interested directly or indirectly in any business transaction or pending matter that is within the purview of such official, employee, consultant, agency, employee organization, or group of employees.”

If a person is giving a gift for the sake of giving a gift or donation, I do not see a conflict with the ordinance.

If a person is giving a gift for preferential treatment or preferential consideration on any business transaction or matter (someone asking for increased patrols near their home in exchange for donating to the ACO, a donation to the department in exchange for looking the other way when someone speeds through town, etc...), that would be a violation of the ordinance.

Best,

Jessica Buhle
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On Oct 28, 2025, at 2:14 PM, Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org> wrote:

From: John Rich <chief.rich@ledyardct.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 2:10 PM
To: Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>
Subject: FW: An Ordinance Establishing a Town of Ledyard Code of Ethics

Roxanne,

Please see below, I just had a question regarding the Ethics Ordinance and donations to town departments.

Thanks,

John

From: Kristen Chapman <mayoral.asst@ledyardct.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 1:57 PM
To: John Rich <chief.rich@ledyardct.org>
Cc: Fred Allyn, III <mayor@ledyardct.org>
Subject: RE: An Ordinance Establishing a Town of Ledyard Code of Ethics

Chief Rich,

I would suggest sending your concerns to Roxanne as the ordinance is currently with the Administration Committee.

Best,
Kristen

From: John Rich <chief.rich@ledyardct.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 1:40 PM
To: Kristen Chapman <mayoral.asst@ledyardct.org>
Cc: Fred Allyn, III <mayor@ledyardct.org>
Subject: RE: An Ordinance Establishing a Town of Ledyard Code of Ethics

Kristen,

At this point, I'm particularly interested in the question of whether the police department, dispatch, or animal control can accept a donation from a citizen or organization to benefit that department, of if such donations would meet the definition of a "gift", as they don't appear to be excluded under Section 7.

As you may know, ACO gets many community donations, dispatch receives an annual donation from America's Styrenics, and LPD receives donations for our employee wellness programs.

Who's the right person to ask?

Chief

From: Kristen Chapman <mayoral.asst@ledyardct.org>
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Cc: Fred Allyn, III <mayor@ledyardct.org>
Subject: FW: An Ordinance Establishing a Town of Ledyard Code of Ethics

Good morning,

Attached, please find an updated draft posted to the agenda this morning.

Best,
Kristen

From: Kristen Chapman
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 4:32 PM
To: John Rich <chief.rich@ledyardct.org>; James Mann <fire.marshall@ledyardct.org>; Steve Holyfield <admin.emergency@ledyardct.org>; Elizabeth Burdick <planner@ledyardct.org>; Scott Johnson <Scott@ledyardrec.org>; Patricia A. Riley <town.clerk@ledyardct.org>; Matthew Bonin <finance.director@ledyardct.org>; Stephen Banks <wpca.supervisor@ledyardct.org>; Justin Dube <mis.director@ledyardct.org>
Subject: An Ordinance Establishing a Town of Ledyard Code of Ethics

Good afternoon,

Please be advised the attached draft “An Ordinance Establishing a Town of Ledyard Code of Ethics” dated 10/27/2025 is on the agenda for the 10/29 Administration Committee special meeting. This ordinance may have implications for your department.

Best,
Kristen

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