

**TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

Meeting Date: September 13, 2010

SUBJECT: Discussion of Code of Ethics for the Black Mountain Board of Aldermen

AGENDA INFORMATION

Agenda Location: New Business
Item Number: 6-B
Department: Board of Aldermen
Contact: Darlene Whisenant, Town Clerk
Presenter: Marcy Onieal, Town Manager

BRIEF SUMMARY: Section 160A-86 of the North Carolina General Statutes, adopted by the NC General Assembly on January 1, 2010, requires that all local governing boards in the state of North Carolina adopt a code of ethics no later than January 1, 2011. The Manager will provide an overview of the Model Code of Ethics prepared by the UNC School of Government, and discuss how the Board may wish to incorporate specific provisions into its own ordinance. As a means to encourage and strengthen ethical behavior among the state's elected officials, the General Assembly included in this same legislation a requirement that all elected officials must complete a minimum of 4 hours of ethics training within one year of election or reelection (each time an elected official takes office). All members of the Black Mountain Board of Aldermen have complied with this requirement, having completed ethics training through UNC School of Government classes and webinars in late 2009 and early 2010. Although not required to do so by the General Assembly, all Town employees also participated in ethics training during 2010, and the Manager has made ethics training a mandatory requirement for all new hires as a part of employee orientation.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION: N/A (but a future motion will include adoption of an ordinance establishing a code of ethics for the Board of Aldermen of Black Mountain, Buncombe County, North Carolina.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

MANAGER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The purpose of this discussion is to consider elements the Board of Aldermen wish to include in the code