

TOWN OF LINCOLN, VERMONT

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF CODE OF ETHICS INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE

On 4/22/2025, the Selectboard of the Town of Lincoln, Vermont, adopted a “Code of Ethics Investigation and Enforcement Ordinance” pursuant to Vermont State Ethics Commission. This notice is published pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1972 to inform the public of the adoption and of the citizens’ right to petition for a vote to disapprove this adoption.

The purpose of this ordinance is to enact procedures for the investigation of complaints that allege a municipal officer has violated Vermont’s Municipal Code of Ethics and the enforcement in instances of substantiated complaints, including methods of enforcement and available remedies.

The full text of the Ordinance may be examined at the Lincoln Town office at 62 Quaker St, Lincoln, Vermont and may be examined during regular office hours.

CITIZENS’ RIGHT TO PETITION FOR VOTE

Title 24 V.S.A. § 1973 grants citizens the right to petition for a vote at a special or annual Town Meeting to disapprove an ordinance adopted by the Selectboard. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the Ordinance signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Town’s qualified voters. The petition must be presented within forty-four (44) days following the date of the adoption of the Ordinance. Unless a petition requesting a vote is filed pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1973, the Code of Ethics Investigation and Enforcement Ordinance shall become effective sixty (60) days from the date of said adoption.

PERSON TO CONTACT

Additional information pertaining to this Ordinance may be obtained by contacting Trish Waugh, Town Administrator at 62 Quaker St, Lincoln, Vermont 05443, or by calling 802-453-2980 during regular office hours.