

# Washington State Association of County Engineers

## Code of Ethics

*The County Engineers of the State of Washington recognizing the trust and confidence reposed in them by the citizens of the State as proclaimed in Chapter 187, Session Laws of 1937, do hereby declare and adopt this Code of Ethics:*

- 1. The position of County Engineer is one requiring high professional stature, and the individual occupying that position shall act in a manner that shall be a credit to the profession and the County.*
- 2. The County Engineer shall manage and administer the County Road Department and other assigned departments lawfully under the County Engineer's jurisdiction in accordance with the spirit and intent of the appropriate statute and in a professional manner suggested by professional training, continual professional improvement, and professional guidance from State and national groups and professional organizations.*
- 3. The County Engineer shall gather and prepare factual data and reports and make professional recommendations to the Board as engineering support for the Board's decision-making regarding policy.*
- 4. The County Engineer shall use professional engineering skills and knowledge to carry out the Board's decisions or policy.*
- 5. The County Engineer shall use professional engineering abilities to appraise results of actions and operations and in a professional manner take appropriate actions to have necessary items brought to the attention of the Board with recommended policy changes.*
- 6. The County Engineer shall consult regularly with the Board to attain and ensure complete understanding of decisions made by the Board so that professional actions of the County Engineer will result in compliance with policy decisions of the Board.*
- 7. The County Engineer shall act at all times in the highest professional manner to maintain the dignity and honor of the position.*
- 8. The County Engineer shall be professional in all aspects of conduct--professional duties, community activities, and personal conduct as a private citizen so that honor and respect shall be reflected on the engineering profession.*
- 9. The County Engineer shall stimulate professional attainment of qualified staff members and provide the opportunity for the advancement and development of every employee's potential skills.*
- 10. The County Engineer shall serve in the public interest and treat all citizens courteously, equally, and fairly.*

*Adopted by the WSACE/PWD on November 18, 1994.*