Sec. 227. Interest in contracts or supplies - Conflicts of interest.

Unless otherwise provided in this charter, general laws of the state pertaining to conflicts of interest, unlawful interest in public contracts, and other prohibited actions by public officials\(^1\) shall apply, where applicable, to officers and employees of the city. No officer or employee of the city shall have any beneficial interest, which interest accrues to the employee or officer by virtue of office or employment, in any contract with the city, or in the sale to the city of any supplies, material, service or land, except on behalf of the city as an officer or employee. Any willful violation of the general laws of the state referenced in this section shall constitute malfeasance in office, and any such officer or employee shall thereby forfeit office or employment.\(^2\)

Sec. 227-1. Ethics.

Unless otherwise provided in this charter, the general laws of the state pertaining to ethics shall apply, where applicable, to officers and employees of the city.

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\(^1\) These items are covered in Chapters 2921 of the ORC.

\(^2\) The following may be moved from “qualifications” to ethics: “Except as provided for in Section 64 of this charter, city officials shall have no interest in or benefit from any contract, job, work or service for the municipality other than that of the official’s elected office.”