<u>CODE OF ETHICS</u> <u>OF</u> CITY OF RENSSELAER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The members of the board (the "Board") of the City of Rensselaer Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), a duly established public benefit corporation of the State of New York (the "State"), along with the officers and staff of the Agency, shall comply with and adhere to the provisions of Article 18 of the General Municipal Law of the State.

Further, no director, officer, or employee of the Agency shall (1) accept other employment which will impair his or her independence of judgment in the exercise of his or her official duties; (2) accept employment or engage in any business or professional activity which will require him or her to disclose confidential information which he or she has gained by reason of his or her official position of authority; (3) disclose confidential information acquired by him or her in the course of his or her official duties nor use such information to further his or her personal interests; (4) use or attempt to use his or her official position to secure unwarranted privileges or exemptions for himself, herself or others except that nothing herein shall prohibit any business or enterprise in which such director, officer or employee may have a financial interest from obtaining financial assistance provided that the conflict of interest provisions of the General Municipal Law are not violated as determined by counsel to the Agency; (5) engage in any transaction as a representative or agent of Agency with any business entity in which he or she has a direct or indirect financial interest that might reasonably tend to conflict with proper discharge of his or her official duties, except that nothing herein shall prohibit any business or enterprise in which such director, officer or employee may have a financial interest from obtaining financial assistance provided that the conflict of interest provisions of the General Municipal Law are not violated as determined by counsel to the Agency; (6) not, by his or her conduct, give reasonable basis for the impression that any person can improperly influence him or her or unduly enjoy his or her favor in the performance of his or her official duties, or that he or she is affected by the kinship, rank, position or influence of any party or person; (7) abstain from making personal investments in enterprises which he or she has reason to believe may be directly involved in decisions to be made by him or her or which will otherwise create substantial conflict between his or her duty in the public interest and his or her private interest, except that nothing herein shall prohibit any business or enterprise in which such director, officer or employee may have a financial interest from obtaining financial assistance provided that the conflict of interest provisions of the General Municipal Law are not violated as determined by counsel to the Agency; and (8) endeavor to pursue a course of conduct which will not raise suspicion among the public that he or she is likely to be engaged in acts that are in violation of his or her trust. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, nothing shall prohibit any director, officer or employee of the Agency from acquiring property adjacent to or otherwise proximate to the lands in which the Agency has an ownership interest provided that such acquisition is not based upon the use of confidential information obtained by such director, officer or employee of the Agency in his capacity with the Agency as determined by such member after consultation with Chairman of the Agency and Counsel to the Agency.

Approved and adopted this ____ day of ____

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