



Oklahoma Ethics Commission Rule Amendment: 2021-02
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1 **Modification:** Making non-substantive language revisions, providing
2 for subsections, and providing a new exception to the prohibition
3 of things of value in Ethics Rule 5.

4 **[NOTE:** Rule titles are provided for convenience, are not part of
5 the Rules and will be updated as the Rule is modified to reflect
6 the contents of the Rule.]

7 **Rule 5.6. Prohibition on Things of Value Provided to or Accepted by**
8 **Governor, Legislative Officers and Employees.**

9 A. Legislative Lobbying Prohibition on Things of Value: Except as
10 provided in these Rules, a legislative liaison, a legislative
11 lobbyist or a lobbyist principal by whom the legislative liaison or
12 legislative lobbyist is employed or retained shall provide no gift
13 to the Governor, a legislator or any employee of the Governor or
14 the Legislature. The Governor, a legislator or any employee of the
15 Governor or the Legislature shall not knowingly accept anything of
16 value from a legislative liaison, a legislative lobbyist or a
17 lobbyist principal by whom the legislative liaison or legislative
18 lobbyist is employed or retained except as permitted by these
19 Rules.

20 B. Executive Lobbying Prohibition on Things of Value: Except as
21 provided in these Rules, an executive lobbyist or a lobbyist
22 principal by whom the executive lobbyist is employed or retained
23 shall provide nothing of value to any officer or employee of an
24 agency that is the subject of the executive lobbyist's lobbying

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1 activities. No officer or employee of an agency that is subject to
2 an executive lobbyist's lobbying activities shall knowingly accept
3 anything of value from an executive lobbyist or a lobbyist
4 principal by whom an executive lobbyist is employed except as
5 permitted by these Rules. In no event shall a legislative liaison,
6 a legislative lobbyist, an executive lobbyist or a lobbyist
7 principal indirectly provide anything of value to any state officer
8 or employee by providing a thing of value to a family member of the
9 state officer or employee, other than as permitted by these Rules.

10 C. Cost Sharing: In no event shall the costs of a thing of value
11 provided by a legislative liaison, ~~or legislative lobbyist, or~~
12 ~~executive lobbyist to the Governor, a legislator or any employee of~~
13 ~~the Governor or the Legislature~~ permitted by these Rules be divided
14 or shared with other legislative liaisons, ~~or legislative~~
15 ~~lobbyists, or executive lobbyists~~ in filing a report required by
16 these Rules unless otherwise provided by these Rules.

17 D. State Agency Tickets to Conferences: Agencies may provide two
18 (2) tickets or admissions to any conference, seminar, lecture or
19 similar event held within the boundaries of the State of Oklahoma
20 and sponsored in whole or in part by the agency to the Governor,
21 any legislator or any employee of the Governor or Legislature,
22 provided the tickets or admissions are used by the recipient and a
23 family member of the recipient. Items provided under this section
24 are not required to be reported to the Commission.

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1 E. Attendance Requirement: For all other gifts provided by a
2 legislative liaison, legislative lobbyist, or executive lobbyist
3 that include meals or attendance at an event, the lobbyist or
4 legislative liaison must attend the meal or event with the
5 recipient.

6 F. Materials related to State Responsibilities: A legislative
7 liaison, legislative lobbyist, executive lobbyist, or lobbyist
8 principal may provide, and a state officer or employee may accept,
9 books and similar informational materials, including those in
10 electronic, audio and/or video format, so long as such materials
11 are related to the recipient's responsibilities as an officer or
12 employee of the State of Oklahoma. Materials provided pursuant to
13 this subsection are not required to be reported to the Commission.

14 **Effective and Operational Date:** Sine Die Adjournment of the 2021
15 Regular Legislative Session.

Promulgated this ___ day of _____, 2020

Amended: ___No; or ___Yes, Amendments Adopted: _____

Signed on Behalf of Commission:

Chair Stocker

Delivery to Legislature: In accordance with Oklahoma Constitution Article 29, § 3, the Executive Director shall cause promulgated Ethics Rules, including new, modified, or repealed Rules, to be delivered to the Governor and Legislature on the second day of the Legislative Session following the promulgation of the Rule(s).