

NOVEMBER 4TH, 2014 OLD ORCHARD BEACH MUNICIPAL ELECTION

REFERENDUM QUESTION #1:

Shall the Town approve an amendment of Section 412, “Conflicts of Interest”, of the Old Orchard Beach Town Charter by adding the underscored text as shown below?

Sec. 412. Conflicts of Interest.

No relative of a Town Councilor or the Town Manager shall be appointed to any compensated Town office or any position appointed by the Town Council or shall be hired for a position in any Town department under the direct control of the Town Council so long as that Councilor continues to serve on the Town Council. If the relative was serving in any such position at the time of that Councilor's election, the relative shall not receive any increase in salary or compensation which is approved during that Councilor's term of office except for salary or compensation increases which are commensurate and proportional to salary or compensation increases received by non-union Town employees or Town employees covered under a collective bargaining agreement. A Councilor with a relative serving in a compensated Town office or position shall recuse him or herself from consideration or acting on matters directly related to the compensation or salary of their relative.

No Town Councilor may vote on any contract while employed by the contractor or subcontractor or in which the member or a relative has a financial interest. Any question of whether a particular issue involves a conflict of interest sufficient to disqualify a member from voting on that issue must be decided by a majority vote of those members present and voting, excluding the member being challenged.

As used in this section, the term "relative" means related by blood, marriage, or law, including spouses, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, parents, brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, grandparents, uncles, aunts, first cousins or domestic partner relation.