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GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, SECTION 809 PROVIDES AS FOLLOWS:

1. Every application, petition or request submitted for a variance, amendment, change of zoning, approval of a plat, exemption from a plat or official map, license or permit, pursuant to the provisions of any ordinance, local law, rule or regulation constituting the zoning and planning regulations of a municipality shall state the name, residence and nature and extent of the interest of any state officer or any officer or employee of such municipality or of a municipality of which such municipality is a part, in the person, partnership or association making such application, petition or request (hereinafter called the applicant) to the extent known to such applicant.

2. For the purpose of this section an officer or employee shall be deemed to have an interest in the applicant when he/she, spouse, or their brothers, sisters, parents, children, grandchildren, or the spouse of any of them:

- A. Is the applicant, or
- B. Is an officer, director, partner or employee of the applicant, or
- C. Legally or beneficially owns or controls stock of a corporate applicant or is a member of a partnership or association applicant, or
- D. Is a party to an agreement with such a applicant, express or implied, whereby he/she may receive any payment or other benefit, whether or not for services rendered, dependent or contingent upon the favorable approval of such application, petition or request.

3. In the County of Nassau the provisions of subdivisions one and two of this section shall also apply to a party officer. "Party Officer" shall mean any person holding any position or office, whether by election, appointment or otherwise, in any party as defined by subdivision four of section two of the election law.

4. Ownership of less than five percent of the stock of a corporation whose stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange or American Stock Exchange shall not constitute an interest for the purposes of this section.

5. A person who knowingly and intentionally violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.