

# Performance Check: Adherence to the Constitution

## Sec. 207. - Powers and duties.



The board shall have the power and duty to originate, terminate and regulate legislative and policy matters, including but not limited to:

1. Adopting or enacting, in accordance with the procedures provided by general law, ordinances and resolutions it deems necessary and proper for the good governance of the county;
2. Approving the annual operating and capital budgets and any long term capital or financial program;
3. Considering conducting continuing studies in the operation of county programs and services and take action on programs for improvement of the county and the welfare of its residents;
4. Adopting, and amending as necessary, a county administrative code to govern the operation of the county;
5. Adopting, pursuant to the provisions of this Charter, such ordinances of countywide force and effect as are necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the residents.

The commissioners shall only devote such time as is necessary to perform the legislative responsibilities of their office.



(Amended November 1988; November 2004)

**Score: Failing**

**Why:**

- Ignoring the 362,000 citizens who voted in support of the Rural Boundary.
- Continuing to cave to the same special-interest threats that DO NOT RESIDE IN ORANGE COUNTY, FL or the state of FL.

# Performance Check: Code of Ethics

## Sec. 707. - Code of ethics.

- A. The local code of ethics shall be construed and interpreted in such a way to protect the public's trust and to promote open and accountable government in Orange County. Preserving the public's trust shall be paramount in enforcing the local code of ethics, and it shall be interpreted consistent with the purposes and intent of the local code of ethics.
- B. The citizens of Orange County are entitled to a government that embraces best ethical practices and full disclosure of conflicts of interest involving county employees or elected officials. All votes of the board, and actions of the mayor, the county commissioners and county employees, shall be made or taken in the best interests of the citizens of Orange County, free of any undisclosed conflicts of interest.
- C. In order to provide a high level of transparency, the local code of ethics shall be applicable to the board of county commissioners and county employees who participate in the county procurement process. The local code of ethics shall provide for:
1. Additional financial and business reporting requirements for county commissioners or county employees in the procurement process.
  2. Restrictions on gifts to the board of county commissioners or county employees in the procurement process.

**Score: Needs Improvement**

**Why:**

- **Failing here** → “Preserving the public's trust shall be paramount in enforcing the local code of ethics, and it shall be interpreted consistent with the purposes and intent of the local code of ethics.”
- **Failing here** → “All votes of the board, and actions of the mayor, the county commissioners and county employees, shall be **made or taken in the best interests of the citizens of Orange County, free of any undisclosed conflicts of interest.**”