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**City hosting free ethics seminar for local officials**

*State ethics commission will provide training and answer questions*

CANTON, Ohio – City officials announced on Thursday that Canton will host a free ethics seminar for government officials on September 9 at the Edward “Peel” Coleman Community Center. Led by staff members from the Ohio Ethics Commission, the seminar will cover a number of ethical issues, including: nepotism, conflicts of interest, and public contracts. All Stark County and Summit County elected officials are invited to attend.

“While most people are able to interpret the ethics laws, there are some gray areas that can be confusing,” said Corey Minor Smith, the City’s director of compliance. “We hope this session will help officials make informed decisions when acting on behalf of their constituents.”

The seminar, which is being offered at no cost to the City by the Ohio Ethics Commission, will cover the following topic areas:

- Purpose of ethics law
- History of ethics law
- General public protections included in ethics law
- Conflicts of interest
- Nepotism
- Supplemental compensation
- Public contracts
- Investing public funds
- Post-employment representation and “influence peddling”
- Ohio Ethics Commission policies and procedures

The event will take place on September 9 from 9-11 a.m. at the Edward “Peel” Coleman Community Center, located at 1400 Sherrick Road SE in Canton. Officials and government employees interested in attending should call Corey Minor Smith at (330) 438-4133 to RSVP.

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