

WHO PAYS?

Guide to Oregon Government Standards & Practices Act Gift Limitations and Exceptions - ORS 244.020(5)(b) Exceptions (A)-(N)

Public Body, Public Official

\$50/year cumulative Gift limit DOES NOT APPLY

Source DOES NOT have an administrative and/or legislative interest in you as a public official*

Source DOES have an administrative and/or legislative interest in public body

Category	Scenario	Limitation/Exception	Notes	
Food Beverage Admission Reception	Public Official is speaking or answering questions as part of scheduled program	Allowable as Exception to Gift Rules (exception (E))		
	Food/beverage consumed in association with review or execution of financial documents including any business agreement between public body and a private or public entity	Allowable as Exception to Gift Rules (exception (I))		
	Food/beverage is incidental (secondary or minor) to main purpose of reception and no cost is placed on food or beverage	Social gathering where food and beverages are informally provided	Allowable as Exception to Gift Rules (exception (L))	
		Plated sit-down meal	\$50/year cumulative Gift limit applies	
	Food/beverage consumed during trade-promotion, fact-finding mission, economic development activity, or negotiation	Public Official will "represent" public body	Must receive authorization to represent public body and activity must be "officially sanctioned" via written approval from council or supervisor.	Allowable as Exception to Gift Rules (exception (H))
	None of above		\$50/year cumulative Gift limit applies	
Travel Lodging Food Reasonable Expenses	Expenses paid by fed/state/local govt; membership organization to which public body pay dues; or by limited publicly funded 501(c)(3)	Public Official will deliver speech, make presentation, participate on panel	Allowable as Exception to Gift Rules (exception (F))	
		Public Official will "represent" public body but will not deliver speech, make presentation, participate on panel	Must receive authorization to represent public body via written approval from council or supervisor.	Allowable as Exception to Gift Rules (exception (F))
		None of Above	\$50/year cumulative Gift limit applies	
	Trip is trade-promotion, fact-finding mission, economic development activity, or negotiation	Public Official will "represent" public body	Must receive authorization to represent public body and activity must be "officially sanctioned" and trip expenses approved in advance via written approval from council or supervisor.	Allowable as Exception to Gift Rules (exception (H))
	Travel expenses paid by one public official to another for travel within Oregon	To or from an event that bears a relationship to Public Official's office and Public Official participates in an official capacity	Allowable as Exception to Gift Rules (exception (K))	
	None of Above	\$50/year cumulative Gift limit applies		
Entertainment Spectator or Participant	Entertainment is incidental (secondary or minor) to main purpose of another event	Allowable as Exception to Gift Rules (exception (M))		
	Public Official is viewing and/or participating in the entertainment for a ceremonial purpose with an official role in the entertainment event	Public Official is acting in official capacity and is representing public body	Allowable as Exception to Gift Rules (exception (N))	
	None of Above		NOT ALLOWED	
Unsolicited tokens or awards of appreciation	plaque, trophy, desk item, wall memento, or similar	Resale value reasonably expected to be less than \$25 (assumed unless made from valuable raw material)	Allowable as Exception to Gift Rules (exception (C))	
	None of Above		\$50/year cumulative Gift limit applies	
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*"Legislative or administrative interest" means an economic interest, distinct from that of the general public, in one or more bills, resolutions, regulations, proposals or other matters subject to the action or vote of a person acting in the capacity of a public official.

Note: this chart is intended as a guide only, and is not a substitute for legal advice regarding specific situations. Administrative Rules are being revised by Ethics Commission; call Ethics Commission at 503-378-5105 regarding application of these rules to specific situations.