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Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser today issued an Executive Order that will require that he and his office staff adhere to the Kenosha County Ethics Policy.

The office of the County Executive is already governed by the state ethics code under state statutes.

“I want to restore confidence in this office and in county government by assuring the public that this office will operate at the highest ethical standards,” Kreuser said.

Kreuser, his staff and all Kenosha County employees will be asked to sign a form indicating that they have read and understand the county ethics policy and that they agree to adhere to those standards.

The executive order calls on the county Corporation Counsel to draft a notice that will be inserted in all Requests for Proposals, bids and county contracts, and will also be posted in all county offices. That notice will remind the public and all those who do business with the county that all county officials and employees are subject to a County Ethics Policy. Failure to comply with that policy could result in disciplinary action for the employee or official and an attempt to seek special treatment from an official or an employee should be reported to the Kenosha County District Attorney.

“This will have a chilling effect on those who want to attempt to inappropriately influence county government employees,” Kreuser said.

The executive order also directs the Corporation Counsel and the Finance Director to draft financial disclosure forms for Department and Division heads, as well as any other official or employee involved with policy making or the awarding or management of contracts.

“I take my oath to the public and my pledge to county employees very seriously. We cannot and will not tolerate unethical behavior in county government,” Kreuser said.

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