

# The Town of Cheektowaga



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Dear Mr. Kaminski,

This letter is to advise you that the members of the Town of Cheektowaga Board of Ethics are investigating a possible violation on your part under Section 18-17.A. of the Code of Ethics. You are further advised that you have until the end of February to provide a written response to the allegations as set forth below:

It is alleged that after being elected Councilmember in the Town of Cheektowaga, you directed personnel within certain departments to purchase parts as needed from either Kwitzer's Collision Service or Curtiss Auto and Truck Repair Inc. since your company, Kaminski and Sons Truck Equipment Inc. could no longer do business with the Town of Cheektowaga because of a conflict of interest.

It is further alleged that after the Town of Cheektowaga ordered parts from Kwitzer's Collision Service or Curtiss Auto and Truck Repair, these two companies would, in return, order these same parts from Kaminski and Sons and either get a kick-back or would up charge the parts in order to compensate Kaminski and Sons and themselves.

It is further alleged that a manifold the Town of Cheektowaga Highway Department purchased through Kwitzer's Collision Service was invoiced on February 25, 2014 for \$350.30. A second invoice from Kaminski and Sons dated February 21, 2014 to Kwitzer's show that Kwitzer's purchased it from Kaminski and Sons for \$280.83. A sticky note on that invoice reads "Bought at Kaminski's purchased through Kwitzer's".

It is further alleged that invoices from Curtiss Auto and Truck Repair to the Cheektowaga Highway Department dated November 2, 2012 and December 27, 2012 and an invoice to the Cheektowaga Central Garage dated December 28, 2015 reflect purchases of Fisher products. It is further alleged that Kaminski and Sons is the authorized dealer for Fisher in Buffalo, so these products were also purchased from Kaminski and Sons.

It is further alleged that the Facilities, Buildings and Grounds and Parks Departments were told by Jerry Kaminski to order parts that were formerly ordered from Kaminski and Sons exclusively from either Kwitzer's Collision Service or Curtiss Auto and Truck Repair.

In addition your 2014 Financial Disclosure form shows that you failed to list your wife Kathy as Vice President and Financial Manager of Kaminski and Sons.

Your prompt response to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely Yours,

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