

(c) Within thirty (30) days of the commencement of the inquiry, the commission shall forward a copy of the complaint and a general statement of the applicable law to the person alleged to have committed a violation.

2. All commission proceedings and records relating to a preliminary investigation shall be confidential except where in conflict with the Kentucky Open Records Act and the Open Meeting Act.

The commission may turn over to the Commonwealth's attorney or county attorney of the jurisdiction in which the offense allegedly occurred evidence which may be used in criminal proceedings.

3. The commission shall afford a person who is the subject of a preliminary investigation an opportunity to respond to the allegations in the complaint. The person shall have the right to be represented by counsel, to appear and be heard under oath, and to offer evidence in response to the allegations in the complaint.
4. If the commission determines in the preliminary investigation that the complaint does not allege facts sufficient to constitute a violation of this code, the commission shall immediately terminate the inquiry and notify in writing the complainant and the person alleged to have committed a violation.
5. If the commission, during the course of the preliminary investigation, finds probable cause to believe that a violation of this code has occurred, the commission shall notify the alleged violator of the finding, and the commission may, upon majority vote:

(a) Due to mitigating circumstances such as lack of significant economic advantage or gain by the alleged violator, lack of significant economic loss to the county, or lack of significant impact on public confidence in government, reprimand, in writing, the alleged violator for potential violations of the law and provide a copy of the reprimand to the County Judge Executive.

(b) Initiate an adjudicatory proceeding to determine whether there has been a violation.

6. Any person who knowingly files with the commission a false complaint of misconduct on the part of any elected or appointed official or other person shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

D. Adjudicatory proceedings; action by commission; appeal.

1. The Kentucky Rules of Civil Procedure and the Kentucky Rules of Evidence shall apply to all commission adjudicatory hearings. All testimony in a commission adjudicatory