## **ABSTRACT**

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Thailand is a democratic country. Thus it requires an administration that represents all the Thai people and is entrusted to the election process. Unfortunately, the elections in the past were proved with significant malpractice such as vote buying, bribery, deception and false oath to the people. As a result, there currently are a number of political position holders who apparently are notorious for dishonesty, nontransparency and even corruption. Surprisingly, the case is that many times they escape the law possibly due to insufficient proof. Despite public discontentment, the political position holders remain on post. The situation has eliminated the public confidence and faith in the democracy under such an administration.

This research is based on the study of norm of ethics of political position holders in foreign countries as well as ethics of various professions in Thailand and abroad. Focus falls on studying appropriateness and feasibility for a compilation of code of ethics for political position holders. The rational is that those key figures should set a respectable example equipped with ethics and morale. This should contribute to the development of Thai politics in accordance with the constitutional laws and regulations.