Legal Consequences for Breaching Confidentiality

Alaska Statutes Title 11. Criminal Law § 11.56.850. Official misconduct

(a) A public servant commits the crime of official misconduct if, with intent to obtain a benefit or to injure or deprive another person of a benefit, the public servant

(1) performs an act relating to the public servant's office but constituting an unauthorized exercise of the public servant's official functions, knowing that that act is unauthorized; or

(2) knowingly refrains from performing a duty which is imposed upon the public servant by law or is clearly inherent in the nature of the public servant's office.

(b) Official misconduct is a class A misdemeanor.

Alaska Statutes Title 11. Criminal Law § 11.56.860. Misuse of confidential information

(a) A person who is or has been a public servant commits the crime of misuse of confidential information if the person

(1) learns confidential information through employment as a public servant; and

(2) while in office or after leaving office, uses the confidential information for personal gain or in a manner not connected with the performance of official duties other than by giving sworn testimony or evidence in a legal proceeding in conformity with a court order.

(b) As used in this section, "confidential information" means information which has been classified confidential by law.

(c) Misuse of confidential information is a class A misdemeanor.