

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 7(E)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** (Second Reading 1-21-10)  
June 30, 2009

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance relating to the  
Conflict of Interest and Code of  
Ethics Ordinance; amending  
Section 2-11.1(s) of the Code,  
relating to lobbying; requiring  
principals and lobbyists to file  
affidavit regarding contingency  
fees

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The accompanying ordinance was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

  
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R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

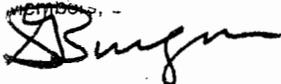
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# Memorandum



**Date:** January 21, 2010

**To:** Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** George M. Burgess   
County Manager

**Subject:** Ordinance relating to Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance; amending Section 2-11.1(s) of the Code, relating to lobbying; requiring principals and lobbyists to file affidavit regarding contingency fees

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The ordinance relating to Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance, requiring principals and lobbyists to file an affidavit regarding contingency fees will not have a fiscal impact to Miami-Dade County.

  
Assistant County Manager

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**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Mayor's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 7(E)  
1-21-10

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE RELATING TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF ETHICS ORDINANCE; AMENDING SECTION 2-11.1(s) OF CODE OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO LOBBYING; REQUIRING PRINCIPALS AND LOBBYISTS TO FILE AFFIDAVIT REGARDING CONTINGENCY FEES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. Section 2-11.1(s) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:<sup>1</sup>

Sec. 2-11.1. Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance.

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(s) *Lobbying.*

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(2) All lobbyists shall register with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners within five (5) business days of being retained as a lobbyist or before engaging in any lobbying activities, whichever shall come first. Every person required to so register shall:

- (a) Register on forms prepared by the Clerk;
- (b) State under oath his or her name, business

<sup>1</sup> Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted. Words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed. Remaining provisions are now in effect and remain unchanged.

address and the name and business address of each person or entity which has employed said registrant to lobby. If the lobbyist represents a corporation, the corporation shall also be identified. Without limiting the foregoing, the lobbyist shall also identify all persons holding, directly or indirectly, a five (5) percent or more ownership interest in such corporation, partnership, or trust. Registration of all lobbyists shall be required prior to January 15 of each year and each person who withdraws as a lobbyist for a particular client shall file an appropriate notice of withdrawal. The fee for annual registration shall be four hundred and ninety dollars (\$490.00). Every registrant shall be required to state the extent of any business or professional relationship with any current person described in subsection (b)(1). The registration fees required by this subsection shall be deposited by the Clerk into a separate account and shall be expended for the purpose of recording, transcribing, administration and other costs incurred in maintaining these records for availability to the public. There shall be no fee required for filing a notice of withdrawal and the Board of County Commissioners may, in its discretion, waive the registration fee upon a finding of financial hardship.

(c) Prior to conducting any lobbying, all principals must file a form with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, signed by the principal or the principal's representative, stating that the lobbyist is authorized to represent the principal.>>The principal and the lobbyist must also submit a joint affidavit stating that the principal has not offered and the lobbyist has not agreed to accept any contingency or success fees as defined in subsection (s)(7).<< Failure of a principal to file the ~~[[form required by the preceding sentence]]~~>>required forms<< may be considered in the evaluation of a bid or proposal as evidence that a proposer or bidder is not a responsible contractor. Each principal shall file a form with the Clerk of the Board at the point in time at which a lobbyist is no longer authorized to represent the principal.

Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 3. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any sunset provision, shall become and be made a part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency:

SAC

Prepared by:

GKS

Gerald K. Sanchez

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Sally A. Heyman

Co-Sponsor: Commissioner Rebeca Sosa