



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 7(D)

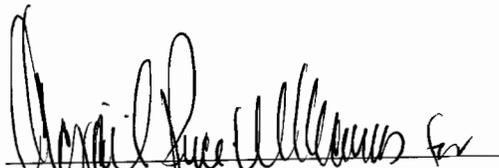
TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: (Second Reading 2-2-10)
December 1, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Ordinance amending Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance to require that any person who is elected to Office of County Commissioner or Mayor execute affidavit prior to being sworn into office

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


R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

RAC/cp

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Date: February 2, 2010

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

From: George M. Burgess 
County Manager

Subject: Ordinance Amending the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics

The proposed legislation amending the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance will not result in a fiscal impact to Miami-Dade County.



Alina Hudak, Assistant County Manager

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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

- "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
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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2-2-10

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE AMENDING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF ETHICS ORDINANCE (“ETHICS ORDINANCE”) TO REQUIRE THAT ANY PERSON WHO IS ELECTED TO OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER OR COUNTY MAYOR EXECUTE AN AFFIDAVIT PRIOR TO BEING SWORN INTO OFFICE STATING THAT THE OFFICIAL HAS READ THE ETHICS ORDINANCE AND AGREES TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SAID ORDINANCE; 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. Chapter 2, section 2-11.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:¹

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

* * *

>>(bb) Each person who is elected to serve as a member of the Board of County Commissioners or as Mayor of Miami-Dade County shall execute an affidavit, on a form prepared by the Ethics Commission, stating that he or she has read the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance and agrees to comply with the provisions of said ordinance. Each elected official covered by the requirements of this subsection shall file the required affidavit with the Ethics Commission prior to being sworn into office.<<

[[~~(bb)~~]] >>(cc)<< Penalty.

¹ 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.

(1) *Proceeding before Ethics Commission.* A finding by the Ethics Commission that a person has violated this section shall subject said person to an admonition or public reprimand and/or a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the first such violation and one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each subsequent violation. Actual costs incurred by the Ethics Commission, in an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per violation, may be assessed where the Ethics Commission has found an intentional violation of this section. The Ethics Commission may also order the person to pay restitution when the person or a third party has received a pecuniary benefit as a result of the person's violation. The procedure for determining restitution shall be governed by an administrative order adopted by the County Commission and rules of procedure promulgated by the Ethics Commission.

(2) *Prosecution by State Attorney in State court.* Every person who is convicted of a violation of this section in State court shall be punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment in the County Jail for not more than thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

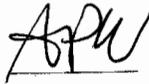
Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

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.

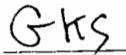
Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency:



Prepared by:



Gerald K. Sanchez

Prime Sponsor: Senator Javier D. Souto
Co-Sponsors: Commissioner Sally A. Heyman
Commissioner Rebeca Sosa