

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST**



**C20-14-02**

**In re:**

**Derrick Corker**

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**PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER**

Complainant was the Interim City Manager of the City of North Miami, Arthur H. Sorey, III (Sorey). He filed this complaint against Derrick Corker (Corker). Corker is the Director of the City of North Miami Parks Department, and owns a private business called ELJEFE7NINE, LLC, which sells team uniforms.

The complaint centered around the purchase by the City of new football uniforms and cheer leader outfits for the North Miami Youth Football and Cheer Program (NMYFCP) on or around June 2019. It was alleged that Corker intervened in the procurement process and may have commingled his own private business with the City's purchase.

The investigation was unable to establish that Corker, engaged in business with the City that employs him or profited in any way on the contract to provide football uniforms to the City.

The investigation did find that Corker failed to obtain the written approval required by Section 2-316 (k)(b) and (c) of the City's ethics code. The investigation also found that Corker was not in compliance with Section 2-316 (k)(2) for the years 2018 (disclosing income for the year 2017) and 2019 (disclosing income for the year 2018).<sup>1</sup> He did not file, with the City Clerk, the requisite annual report disclosing his outside employment, the nature of the work done and the amount or types of money or consideration received as a result of that outside employment.

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<sup>1</sup> He did file the requisite report in 2020 disclosing for the year 2019.

The Commission agreed with the Advocate's recommendation that there was No probable Cause to believe that Mr. Corker transacted business with his own city in violation of Section 2-316 (c ) of the North Miami Ethics Code. They also agreed that there was probable Cause to believe that Respondent, Derrick Corker, was not in compliance with Sections 2-316 (k)(1)(c) and 2-316 (k)(2) of the North Miami Ethics Code for the years 2018 and 2019.

However, the Commission also agreed the complaint should be dismissed, pursuant to Section 2-1074 (s) of the Code of Miami-Dade County since it appeared those violations were inadvertent and insubstantial.

Corker failed to file the annual financial disclosure required by 2-316 (k)(2), but he did disclose his interest in ELJEFE7NINE in his annual Form 1 filings and although he did not get the required written approval for outside employment from the City Manager, the previous City Manager acknowledged that he was aware of Corker's outside employment.

Wherefore it is:

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that COMPLAINT C20-14-02 against Derrick Corker is dismissed.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on this 8th day of July 2020.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS  
& PUBLIC TRUST

By:

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*Dr. Judith Bernier*

Judith D. Bernier

Vice Chair 7/14/2020

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