

INQ 03-38

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Subject: Inquiry

Les Williams

Mr. Williams,

As the campaign manager for two candidates seeking municipal office you requested an opinion regarding the applicability of County or State campaign finance laws, more specifically campaign contribution limits, within the City of Miami Gardens.

You advise our office that the City Charter is silent on the matter of campaign contributions. The County's campaign finance laws, which limit contributions to \$250.00, do not extend to the municipalities. Furthermore, while the Ethical Campaign Practices Ordinance applies to municipal candidates, it does not address campaign contributions.

Therefore, Florida State law would apply. State law limits contributions to \$500.00. See below.

106.08 Contributions; limitations on.--

(1)(a) Except for political parties, no person, political committee, or committee of continuous existence may, in any election, make contributions in excess of \$500 to any candidate for election to or retention in office or to any political committee supporting or opposing one or more candidates. Candidates for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor on the same ticket are considered a single candidate for the purpose of this section.

http://www.flsenate.gov/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=Ch0106/SEC08.HTM&Title=->2002->Ch0106->Section%2008

Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Sincerely Yours,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
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