

### **2-11.1 (r) *Opinions to Mayor & Commissioners***

>>Any person included in the term defined in subsection (b)(1) (*i.e.*, Mayor or Commissioner) who is employed or retained by an entity that receives County funds or is under contract with the County shall, within sixty (60) days after (a) being retained or employed by the entity, or (b) becoming aware of the entity's receipt of County funds or of the entity's contract with the County, whichever is later, seek an opinion from the Ethics Commission or the Executive Director of the Ethics Commission regarding the applicability of the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. Any person included in the term defined in subsection (b)(1) who is employed or retained by an entity that receives County funds or is under contract with the County and has received an opinion from the Ethics Commission or the Executive Director of the Ethics Commission prior to the effective date of this ordinance regarding the applicability of the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance to himself or herself shall not be required to seek another opinion from the Ethics Commission.<<

### **2-11.1 (s)(2)(b) *15% of Lobbyist Fees to COE***

>>Notwithstanding the foregoing, fifteen (15) percent of future funds generated by lobbyist registration fees after the effective date of this ordinance shall be deposited into a separate account, and shall be expended by the Ethics Commission for the purposes of educational outreach, the rendering of advisory opinions and enforcement of the provisions of Section 2-11.1(s) relating to lobbyists.<<

### **2-11.1 (s)(2)(d) *Lobbyists' Ethics Training***

>>(d) Each lobbyist shall, within sixty (60) days after registering as a lobbyist, submit to the Clerk of the Board a certificate of completion of an ethics course offered by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust ("Ethics Course"). Lobbyists who have completed the initial Ethics Course mandated by the preceding sentence and have continuously registered as a lobbyist thereafter shall be required to complete a refresher Ethics Course every two years. Each lobbyist who has completed a refresher Ethics Course shall submit to the Clerk of the Board a certificate of completion within sixty (60) days after registering as a lobbyist. The Ethics Course shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the following topics: the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance; the Sunshine Law; and the Public Records Law. The fee for the Ethics Course shall be \$100.00. The registration fees required by this subsection shall be deposited into a separate account, and shall be expended by the Ethics Commission for Ethics Courses and related costs.<< >> The requirements of this subsection relating to the Ethics Course shall not be applicable to any municipal lobbyist in Miami-Dade County unless said municipality has adopted an ordinance providing for ethics training of lobbyists, and has entered into an interlocal agreement with the County authorizing the Ethics Commission to provide the Ethics Course provided for in this subsection. The Executive Director of the Ethics Commission may waive the Ethics Course requirement for a particular lobbyist when he or she determines that the lobbyist has taken an initial or refresher Ethics Course offered by a

municipality which satisfies the requirements of this subsection.<<

### **2-11.1 (s)(6)(a) *Lobbyists' Expenditure Reports***

(6)(a) ... [An expenditure] statement shall <>not<< be filed ~~even~~ if there have been no expenditures during the reporting period.

### **2-11.1 (b)(b) *Employee Ethics Training***

>>Affidavit and Ethics Course.<< ... >>Each employee of the County, as defined in subsection (b)(5) and b(6), shall within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the effective date of this ordinance or within sixty (60) days after being hired by the County, submit to the Clerk of the Board a certificate of completion of an ethics course offered by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust ("Ethics Course"). Employees shall be required to complete a refresher Ethics Course every two years thereafter. Each employee who has completed a refresher Ethics Course shall submit to the Clerk of the Board a certificate of completion. The Ethics Course shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the following topics: the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance; the Sunshine Law; and the Public Records Law.<< >>The requirements of this subsection (bb) relating to the Ethics Course shall not be applicable to any municipality in Miami-Dade County unless said municipality has adopted an ordinance providing for the Ethics Course, and has entered into an interlocal agreement with the County authorizing the Ethics Commission to provide the Ethics Course provided for in this subsection.<<