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DATE: December 22, 2008
RE: Section 2-11.1 (p) prohibition on recommending professional services
FROM: Victoria Frigo

Brian Beasley, Vice Mayor of the City of South Miami, asked about making a recommendation of professional services to the city manager.

Mr. Beasley stated that one of his constituents consults on making changes to buildings to increase their environmental benefits. The constituent asked Mr. Beasley to set up a meeting with the city manager to discuss making environmental improvements to city hall.

Section 2-11.1 (p) of the County Ethics Code prohibits elected officials from recommending the services of any person or firm to assist in any transaction involving their city or any of its agencies, unless the recommendation is "required to be made by the duties of office and in advance at a public meeting attended by other [city] officials, officers or employees."

I suggested to Mr. Beasley that he not recommend this individual to the manager, but simply introduce them. Mr. Beasley will send an email to the manager clarifying that the person being *introduced* is not being *recommended*. Additionally, Mr. Beasley agreed that if the individual were to obtain a contract with the city, Mr. Beasley would not employ this same individual to consult at Mr. Beasley's private home.