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From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
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To: Ventura, Ralph
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Subject: Contract with the city (INQ 13-27)

Hello Ralph,

As we discussed today, the spouse of an employee of the City of Sweetwater is prohibited from contracting with the city unless the City Commission, by a 2/3 vote, waives the prohibition at a public meeting for good cause. *See* Miami-Dade County Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (c)(4).

As you described, the city wishes to enter into a contract with a graphic artist, at a minimum cost and for a short duration. The artist is the spouse of a city employee, but because the city employee will have no authority to hire, promote, or otherwise advance the employment of the artist, the state anti-nepotism statute is not violated. *See* Fla. Stat. 112.3135(2)(a) (2012).

Feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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