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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2005 1:34 PM
To: Turner, Clark (DP&Z)
Cc: Basu, Subrata (DP&Z)
Subject: RE: Outside Employment

Mr. Turner,

Based on the facts provided below, I understand that you are employed by the County's Planning and Zoning Department and you are asked by private clients to interpret land use policies and policies under consideration or adopted by other municipal governments – you specifically mention the City of Miami. In this capacity, you may from time-to-time meet with municipal personnel to discuss your client's position vis-à-vis these plans or policies. Finally, you indicate these activities are unconnected to your County responsibilities.

Due to the fact you are not interacting with the County while working in your private capacity and there appears to be no overlap between your County position and your outside employment, there is no violation of the County's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. However, there are few things you must keep in mind: 1) You must disclose the income you generate from your outside employment on an annual basis and 2) You may have to register as a lobbyist when meeting with City officials on behalf of your private clients. Because I don't know the extent of your conversation with these officials, I cannot state categorically that you must register. If you are seeking to influence these officials on behalf of the client, you are probably lobbying and would be expected to register.

If you wish to discuss the above with me in greater detail, please contact me at your convenience.

Thank you,

Robert Meyers

From: Turner, Clark (DP&Z)
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2005 8:44 AM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: Basu, Subrata (DP&Z)
Subject: Outside Employment

At Subrata Basu's request, I am providing the following information regarding my outside employment.

Very infrequently I am asked by a private entity, usually an attorney, to assist in interpretation of a policy contained in the Miami Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan (MCNP) or other City plan. Such assistance may involve meeting with private sector and/or City personnel to help resolve differences of opinion or misunderstandings of policy intent, or the writing of an opinion on the same. None of my work is "in public", e.g. before a public body such as the Miami City Commission or Planning Advisory Board. None of it has any direct relationship to work I perform for Miami-Dade County or to any applications that might be made to the Department of Planning and Zoning, and none of it is performed during normal County business hours. In short, my work is entirely advice and consultation on matters unrelated to Miami-Dade County Planning and Zoning.

In the calendar year 2004, I billed a total of four hours service to one client: Greenberg Traurig, so the "infrequent" label surely applies. It is my expectation that 2005 will exceed that, but not by much.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please call me at ext. 8756.