

Meyers, Robert (COE)

INQ 06-109

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2006 1:10 PM
To: Neubauer, Ryan (HFA)
Subject: RE: Interpretation Needed

Ryan,

I spoke to our general counsel and she is of the opinion that County employees are permitted to receive Surtax loans and not be in violation of the county's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Neubauer, Ryan (HFA)
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 10:12 AM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: Braynon, Patricia (HFA)
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Robert:

Would your office please offer an interpretation of the attached ordinance?

Thank you.

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Sec. 2-11.1. Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance.

(c) *Prohibition on transacting business within the County.*

(5) Nothing herein shall prohibit or make illegal (1) the payment of taxes, special assessments or fees for services provided by County government; (2) the purchase of bonds, anticipation notes or other securities that may be issued by the County through underwriters or directly from time to time; (3) the participation of the persons included in the terms defined in subsection (b)(1) through (6), except for employees of the general services administration and their "immediate family" as defined in (b)(9), in the public auction process utilized by the County for the disposal of surplus motor vehicles; (4) the purchase of surplus personal property, pursuant to administrative order, by persons defined in subsection (b)(1) through (6) and (9); **(5) an application for direct assistance from the Miami-Dade County Department of Housing and Urban Development or an application to participate in a program administered by the Department of Special Housing has been submitted by an applicant who is a County person as defined in subsection (b) and who would but for this section be eligible for such assistance from said department; provided, however, that the exception provided in this paragraph shall not extend to an employee of the Miami-Dade County Department of Housing and Urban Development or the Department of Special Housing who participates in the administration of said programs; or (6) an application to participate in a single-family mortgage loan program sponsored by the Housing Finance Authority of Miami-Dade County, has been submitted by a County person as defined in subsection (b), and would but for this section be eligible for participation in said program; provided, however, that the exception provided in this paragraph shall not extend to an employee of the Miami-Dade County Finance Department who participates in the administration of said single-family mortgage loan program.**