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Dear Mr. Foeman:

I received your letter of May 25, 1999 regarding financial disclosure requirements for personnel of various municipal boards ^① and your letter to Mr. Meyers regarding the _② financial disclosure requirements for various categories of building inspectors. Since the Ethics Commission does not have a meeting scheduled for the month of June, this is an informal opinion construing the state and local financial disclosure laws.

In your letter regarding disclosure for executive directors of municipal boards and authorities, you include portions of the City of Miami Code which construe the functions of each separate authority or board. In the case of the executive directors of the Downtown Development Authority, the Miami Sports and Exhibition Authority and the Off-Street Parking Authority, they should file financial disclosure forms under the county ordinance if they also serve as department directors or any other capacity required to file under the ordinance or did so at any time in 1998 or if they supervise a staff and serve in a capacity which is analogous to a department director. Further, the directors should file disclosure under state law if their procurement authority exceeds one thousand dollars. The executive secretaries for the Planning Advisory Board,

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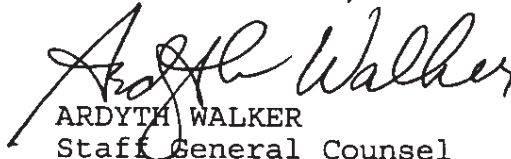
Zoning Board and the Civil Service Board do not have to file financial disclosure unless their procurement authority exceeds one thousand dollars.

As to the building inspectors, all of the various persons classified under the building inspector category should file financial disclosure under the county ordinance. State law only requires the chief building inspector to file financial disclosure forms. The building official should also file financial disclosure since he meets the definition of building official under the South Florida Building Code and the state statute which provides that the building official is authorized to perform any plan review or inspection required under state law.

Therefore, the executive directors of the various municipal boards should file the required disclosure forms and all categories of building inspectors should file the forms required under the county ordinance.

If you have any further questions or I can provide any additional questions, please feel free to call me.

SINCERELY YOURS,


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