

Ethics (COE)

From: Ethics (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2007 9:31 AM
To: Mallo, Terry (MDPR)
Subject: RE: \$20.00 gift certificate

Terry,

The county's ethics code would not preclude you from accepting this gift certificate. Due to the fact the value is less than \$100, it doesn't have to be reported, either. However, your department may have rules that prohibit employees from accepting gifts regardless of the value. You may want to check with your DPR or your department's Ethics Officer to find out whether MDPR has such a policy. Finally, I would not accept the gift certificate under any circumstances. I realize it appears to be a harmless gesture on the teacher's part, but County employees need to think twice before accepting gifts from parties who are not relatives or part of the "County family."

If you wish to discuss in greater detail, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
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From: Mallo, Terry (MDPR)
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2006 2:46 PM
To: Ethics (COE)
Cc: Vega, Diana (MDPR)
Subject: \$20.00 gift certificate

To Whom It May Concern:

I received a \$20.00 gift certificate to Shells Seafood restaurant from a teacher at Academy Programs thanking me for helping her plan her school field trip at Miami Metrozoo. Can I accept it?

Thank you,
Terry

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