

April 29, 2008

Dale Hopkins  
Pap Car Wash, Inc.  
3063 NW 66<sup>th</sup> St.  
Miami, FL 33147

**Re: INQ 08-71  
County Vendor Approval**

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

This letter is to confirm that you do not need permission from the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics to become a pre-approved County vendor as long as *none of your immediate family members is employed by Miami-Dade County*.

We understand that you are the owner of Pap Car Wash, Inc., and you wish to become a County vendor. Your brother, Fred Douglas, is employed by the Miami-Dade County Corrections Department as a Labor Supervisor 3, Sanitation Manager. However, "brother" does not fall within the County definition of immediate family member. Under County Code 2-11.1 (b)(9), "immediate family" is defined as "spouse, parents, and children" only.

You are advised, however, that your contract with the County should not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of your brother's duties to the County. Additionally, an appearance of impropriety might occur if he were to participate in determining or awarding your contract or become involved in any aspect of the contract, including its enforcement, oversight, administration, amendment, extension, termination, or forbearance.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

VICTORIA FRIGO  
Staff Attorney