

Frigo, Victoria (COE)

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2009 1:42 PM
To: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Subject: RE: Public Records Related to Carrying Out the Duties of One's Office

Victoria:

I forwarded your e-mail to the Doral councilman. If you haven't already done so, please have Rachelle log it in as an INQ file. Thanks for handling the request so quickly.

Robert

From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2009 10:18 AM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
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Subject: Public Records Related to Carrying Out the Duties of One's Office

Robert,

This is in response to the Doral councilman's question about whether the city may charge a fee for public records he's requested to assist him carry out the duties of his office.

If the city has a policy of providing public records without cost to assist individuals perform the functions of their office, the policy should extend consistently to all requests from individuals seeking public records to assist them in fulfilling a government-imposed duty.

In AGO 99-46, a member of a school advisory council asked if he could obtain public records from the board of education without being charged. That particular school district had a policy of providing public records to school board members at no cost when the records related to agenda items.

The Attorney General stated that although there was no statutory obligation for the board of education to provide public records free of charge to the advisory council member, the policy established in the school district should be consistently applied to help advisory members carry out their prescribed function.

Attached is AGO 99-46.

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