

Ethics (COE)

INQ 10-170

From: Ethics (COE)
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 4:44 PM
To: 'pizzim@miamilakes-fl.gov'
Subject: Opinion

Dear Mayor Pizzi:

We had a brief telephone conversation this afternoon (9/16/2010) wherein you asked whether a conflict of interest would be created if you participate in the discussion and vote on an agenda item on today's agenda concerning the imposition of a waste franchise fee on all waste haulers doing business in the Town of Miami Lakes. You disclosed in our conversation that you represent Choice, a company in the waste hauling business. You represented in our conversation that Choice is not currently a waste hauler in Miami Lakes.

I find that you may participate in and vote on the abovementioned item. If the fee is adopted, it will be imposed uniformly and there is no special benefit or loss to your client. Furthermore, this fee will apply to all current and future waste haulers, unless the policy is amended by subsequent legislative action by the Town of Miami Lakes.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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