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Subject: INQ 12-133

Ms. Simon,

There is nothing in the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest Ordinance that prohibits a County employee from running for office in a municipality.

The Miami-Dade County charter does, however, speak precisely to this issue.

“Any appointed official or *employee* of Dade County who qualifies as a candidate for election to any federal, state or *municipal* office shall immediately take a leave of absence from his or her county position until the date of the election and shall, if elected, immediately forfeit his or her county position. If the candidate is not elected, he or she shall immediately be reinstated to his or her former position.” Sec. 1.05(C).

Sincerely,

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From: NancySimonC@aol.com [<mailto:NancySimonC@aol.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2012 11:32 AM
To: Ramos, Miriam S. (COE)
Subject: Question

Dear Ms. Ramos:

I am a resident of Miami Lakes and I am considering running for a seat on the Town Council. Because I work for Miami Dade County at PortMiami I'd like to ask if it is ok for a part time or full time employee to run for office while being employed by the County?

Of course, I realize that no property, time or materials at work may be used to pursue my political aspirations.

Because qualifying ends tomorrow at noon, I would respectfully request an expeditious answer so I move forward with the paperwork if it is allowed.

Thank you,

Nancy Simon
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