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From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 11:04 AM
To: Haage, Oriol (RER)
Cc: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject: Volunteer Board Service in Broward (INQ 13-116)

Mr. Haage,

The County Ethics Code does not prohibit you, as a training and certification officer with the County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, from serving as a member of the Broward Board of Rules and Appeals in a volunteer capacity.

Sec. 2-11.1 (j) of the County Ethics Code prohibits County employees from engaging in certain activities that would impair their independence of judgment in the performance of their public duties to the County.

We concur with your supervisor and department director that you are unlikely to be confronted with issues on the Broward Board of Rules and Appeals that would impair your judgment or divide your loyalties as a County training and certification officer.

Thank you for bringing this question to our attention and for your volunteer service in your local community.

Sincerely,

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From: Haage, Oriol (RER)
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 2:13 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject: Request to the COMMISSION ON ETHICS an opinion

Request an opinion,

I am a resident of Cooper City, FL for the past 12 years which is in the juristic of Broward County. The Commissioner Lisa Mallozzi for my city has provided to the League of Cities for **Broward County** my name to represent them at the **Broward Board of Rules and Appeals (BORA)** as a board member. The Board convenes monthly at 7:00pm in Broward County, as needed, to consider proposed amendments to the Florida Building and Fire Prevention codes to hear appeals on decisions made by Building and Fire Code Officials, and to render formal interpretations on the precise meanings of code sections that may be disputed. Board members and staff are continually working to provide stronger codes and greater safety for **all who live and**

work in Broward County. I am currently employed with the **Miami Dade County** Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, Board and Code Administration division as the Training and Certification Officer which is an exempt position (non classified).

My duties are as follows:

- Administers certification training programs for inspectors and plan examiners.
- Reviews and makes recommendations on applications for certification of inspectors and plan examiners.
- Conducts field audits of work performed by electrical inspectors and plan examiners.
- Investigates and resolves complaints against electrical inspectors and plan examiners and makes recommendations on possible de-certification and coordinates with the State Department of Business and Professional Regulation on disciplinary action referrals.
- Processes applications of engineers requesting registration under the permit by affidavit program.
- Prepares correspondence and performance reports.
- Participates at Miami Dade County Board of Rules and Appeals meetings regarding license certification matters.

I would like to know if becoming a board member with the **Broward County BORA** conflict with my current employment.

Thank You.

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