

Frigo, Victoria (COE)

From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 4:19 PM
To: Wyatt, James (MDPR)
Cc: Centorino, Joseph (COE); Ramos, Miriam S. (COE)
Subject: County Employee running for Political Office (INQ 13-47)

Mr. Wyatt,

Under the County Code at Part I, Sec. 1.05 (C), a County employee must immediately take a leave of absence from his County job as soon as he qualifies for elected office. If elected, the County employee immediately forfeits his County position. If not elected, the employee shall be reinstated to his former position. This rule applies when running for any federal, state or municipal office, regardless of pay.

You stated that you are employed by the County Parks & Recreation Department as a marina attendant at Homestead Bayfront Park. You are considering running for a councilman position in the City of Homestead.

Below is the relevant portion of the County Code that applies to your circumstances:

Any ... 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. Miami-Dade County Code at Part I, Sec. 1.05 (C).

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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From: Wyatt, James (MDPR)
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 3:35 PM
To: Ramos, Miriam S. (COE)
Cc: Wyatt, James (MDPR)
Subject: Political office for City Of Homestead

Dear Ms. Ramos,

Sorry I did not get back with you sooner after talking to you the week before last.

I am considering running for a councilman position within the *City of Homestead* where I reside. Currently I am a Marina Attendant for Miami Dade County Park and Recreation Dept. at Homestead Bayfront Park.

My question is; Can I run for a political office that is minimum pay (approx.. \$4800.00 / year) and still work for Miami Dade County ?

Please let me know as soon as possible because I would like to start on campaigning for this position.

Sincerely,

James Wyatt

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