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Subject: INQ - Joseph Bober, Lobbyist (Expenditure reporting)

Attorney Joseph Bober, a lobbyist registered to lobby at the City of Miami Beach, inquired as to whether the interpretation of the Miami Beach lobbying ordinance regarding the reporting of expenditures by lobbyists would differ from that of the County ordinance. The County provides written guidelines to lobbyists for its ordinance requirements. The City of Miami Beach does not. The City of Miami Beach also requires fee disclosure by lobbyists, which is not required under the County Ordinance. The City ordinance concerning the reporting of expenditures is also more sweeping, in that all expenditures are required to be reported rather than only expenditures in excess of \$25. However, in regard to the reporting of expenditure items, the City of Miami Beach Ordinance, Section 2-485, has the identical list of included expenditures as does Section 2-11.1(s)(6)(a): food and beverage, entertainment, research, communications, media advertising, publications, travel, lodging and special events.

I informed Mr. Bober that the same criteria in interpreting the Miami-Dade Code regarding these items would be applied to the Miami Beach Code.

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