



To: Maria De Los Angeles Gralla

From: Craig E. Leen, City Attorney for the City of Coral Gables

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "CL", is written over the name "Craig E. Leen" in the "From:" field.

RE: Legal Opinion Regarding University Of Miami Lobbyist Registration Fee

Date: June 10, 2012

I reviewed your email and conferred with the City Clerk. I have also reviewed the City Code and the County Code on this issue. The policy of applying section 2-11.1(s)(4) of the County Code will continue.

Davis, Yolande

From: Foeman, Walter
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 3:06 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: FW: UM - Lobbyist Registration Fee

Translation: No charge to UM for lobbyist registration.

From: Leen, Craig
Sent: Sunday, June 10, 2012 11:13 PM
To: Gralia, Maria de los Angeles
Cc: Foeman, Walter
Subject: UM - Lobbyist Registration Fee

Maria,

I reviewed your email and conferred with the City Clerk. I have also reviewed the City Code and the County Code on this issue. The policy of applying section 2-11.1(s)(4) of the County Code will continue. Please contact me if you have any further questions.

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Davis, Yolande

From: Herran, Ricardo <r.herran@miami.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 10:53 AM
To: Davis, Yolande
Subject: Fwd: UM - Lobbyist Registration Fee

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Gralia, Maria de los Angeles" <mgralia@miami.edu>
Date: June 8, 2012 10:06:31 AM EDT
To: "Gavarrete, Janet L." <jgavarrete@miami.edu>, "Abella, Irma Maria" <iabella@miami.edu>, "Herran, Ricardo" <r.herran@miami.edu>
Subject: FW: UM - Lobbyist Registration Fee

FYI, will keep you posted.

Maria A. Gralia
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From: Gralia, Maria de los Angeles
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2012 9:15 AM
To: Leen, Craig
Subject: Re: UM - Lobbyist Registration Fee

Thx.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 8, 2012, at 8:23 AM, "Leen, Craig" <cleen@coralgables.com> wrote:

Maria,

I will review this issue and get back to you soon.

Craig

Craig E. Leen
City Attorney

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 7, 2012, at 5:32 PM, "Gralia, Maria de los Angeles" <mgralia@miami.edu> wrote:

Dear Craig,

Hope all is well with you. I was informed earlier this week that University personnel will be required to pay lobbyist fees in the City of Coral Gables. In the past, University personnel appearing on behalf of the institution were exempt from the payment of the fee. This determination was based on an interpretation of County Code as the City Code is silent on the matter. Sec. 2-11.1(s)(4) of the Miami-Dade County Code that reads: "Any person who only appears as a representative of a not-for-profit corporation or entity (such as a charitable organization, or a trade association or trade union), without special compensation or reimbursement for the appearance, whether direct, indirect or contingent, to express support of or opposition to any item, shall register with the Clerk as required by this subsection, but, upon request, shall not be required to pay any registration fees. The UM representatives that received this exemption in the past were Joe Natoli, Janet Gavarrete, Irma Abella and me.

Please advise if this long standing policy of exempting University personnel when representing the institution as defined in the County Code will continue.

Thank you.

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