

## Section 7.6 Lobbyists, Principals and Vendors

(A) The town council shall pass, maintain and enforce an ordinance, which requires all paid lobbyists (as may be defined by the Miami-Dade County Code and/or as may be made more stringent by the town council) to:

(1) Register and pay annual fees as required by ordinance with the town clerk prior to lobbying any town government official ie: town council member, employee, board or committee member;

(2) Disclose in writing all persons and/or entities the lobbyist is representing upon registering and shall update this list within ten (10) days of being retained by a new principal or for a new project of an existing principal; and

(3) Disclose in writing all town government officials directly contacted by the lobbyist and any expenditures involved as defined by state law, before the public hearing.

The ordinance shall also direct the town clerk to ~~make available~~ **DISTRIBUTE ALL LOBBYISTS REPORTS** to the town council, prior to any public hearing, on the event or matter for which a registered lobbyist may appear all disclosures required herein or as otherwise required by state or County law.

**REQUIRED DISCLOSURES SHALL BE MADE PART OF THE AGENDA ITEM PACKAGE PRESENTED AT THE TIME THE MATTER IS SCHEDULED TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE COUNCIL. THE BURDEN OF FULL DISCLOSURE SHALL BE UPON THE APPLICANT AND MUST BE CERTIFIED AS TRUE AND CORRECT BY THE APPLICANT AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE THE ITEM IS HEARD.**

(B) Principals in all items requiring a public hearing must disclose in writing to the town clerk all moneys paid to a person(s) or entity to support or not object to a matter which is set for a public hearing.

Any violation of subsections (A) or (B) above shall render the issue being lobbied for or sought by the principal voidable.

(C) Any vendor of products or services who directly or through a member of the person's immediate family or through a political action committee or through any other person makes a campaign contribution to a candidate who is elected mayor, vice-mayor or council member, shall be required to disclose said contribution and if said Vendor fails to disclose he/she/it shall be barred from selling any product or service to the town for a period of two years following the swearing in of the subject elected official.