



Sec. 2-16.5. - Registration of lobbyists.

(a) *Definitions:*

"Lobbyist" means a person who is retained, with or without compensation, for the purpose of lobbying; or a person who is employed by another person or entity, on a full-time or part-time basis, principally to lobby on behalf of that other person or entity who seeks any action, decision, recommendation of the elected officials, city advisory board or committee members, or city staff during the time of the entire decision making process. "Lobbyist" does not include a person who is:

- (i) An elected official, employee, or appointee of Broward County or of any municipality within Broward County communicating in his or her official capacity;
- (ii) An individual who communicates on his or her own behalf, or on behalf of a person or entity employing the individual on a full-time or part-time basis, unless the individual is principally employed by that person or entity to lobby;
- (iii) An employee, officer, or board member of a homeowners' association, condominium association, or neighborhood association when addressing, in his or her capacity as an employee, officer, or board member of such association, an issue impacting the association or its members; or
- (iv) An employee, officer, or board member of a nonprofit public interest entity (e.g., Sierra Club, NAACP, ACLU) when addressing an issue impacting a constituent of that entity.

(b) Prior to engaging in each specific lobbying activity, a lobbyist, as defined herein, shall sign a registration form maintained by the city at designated locations and file with the city clerk or the designee of the city clerk, the registration form which shall require the following information:

- (1) The name, address, a telephone number and email address of the lobbyist. The "address" must be physical address (e.g. not a post office box) where the lobbyist either resides or customarily does business.
- (2) The nature and extent of any involvement, activity or assistance, whether paid or voluntary, by any lobbyist, or any member of the lobbyist's immediate family, with current or the most recent campaign of any current elect city official, or current candidate.
- (3) Name, address, and phone number of the lobbyist's principal(s), if known at the time of registration. The "address" must be a physical address (e.g. a post office box) where the principal either resides or customarily does business.
- (4) The general and specific matters upon which the lobbyist intends to lobby, if known at the time of registration.

(c) There shall be no fee charged by the city to any lobbyist or lobbyist's principal for registration or lobbying pursuant to this section.

(d) The lobbyist registration forms shall be maintained in the city clerk's office. The registration form must be signed by the lobbyist and required of each lobbyist for each separate lobby activity undertaken by a lobbyist.

(e) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this section, no lobbyist shall be required to register when attending any public hearing or public meeting of the city commission or a city board in the City of Oakland Park, Florida.