

Article V of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, Section 26-67, et seq., the following Standards of Conduct shall apply to each Elected Official:

(1) *Acceptance of gifts.*

- a. No Elected Official or relative, registered domestic partner, or governmental office staff of any Elected Official, shall accept ~~any gift~~, directly or indirectly, any gift of food and/or nonalcoholic beverages with a value in excess of \$25.00 or any other gift with a value in excess of \$5.00, from lobbyists registered with the governmental entity on whose behalf they (or their registered domestic partner or relative) serve, or from any principal or employer of any such registered lobbyist, or from vendors or contractors of such governmental entity. In order to effectuate this provision, no lobbyist shall engage in any lobbying activity prior to registering as a lobbyist with the applicable governmental entity. For purposes of this paragraph, neither Broward County, any municipality within Broward County, nor any other governmental entity shall be considered a registered lobbyist, a principal or employer of a registered lobbyist, or a vendor or contractor of any governmental entity within Broward County.

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- e. When not otherwise permitted by this part (c)(1), "Acceptance of Gifts," the following items may be accepted to the full extent permissible under state law:

68 1. Items customarily given to express condolences or sympathy,
69 such as flowers, food items, or cards, given to an Elected
70 Official in connection with the death or significant injury or
71 illness of the Elected Official or an immediate family member
72 of the Elected Official;
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74 5. Admission to an Official Event for an Elected Official, or
75 governmental office staff of an Elected Official, as well as
76 food, beverages, and commemorative items received by the
77 Elected Official or governmental office staff of an Elected
78 Official at the Official Event, provided that such food,
79 beverages, and commemorative items are available to all
80 attendees of the Official Event.
81 An Official Event is any event where:
82 a) At least 30 people unaffiliated with the donor have
83 been invited to attend, including multiple Elected
84 Officials; and the Elected Official attends the event in
85 their official capacity; or
86 b) The Elected Official's governmental entity has officially
87 sponsored the event; or
88 c) The Elected Official was invited to the event in their
89 official capacity and the governmental entity's legal
90 counsel or chief budget officer has determined in

91 writing that attendance at the event serves a public
92 purpose.

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94 Section 2. Section 26-73 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby
95 amended to read as follows:

96 **Sec. 26-73. Code of Ethics.**

97 (a) Solicitation or Acceptance of Gifts.

98 (1) Except as otherwise stated in the Code, County employees shall not solicit
99 or accept any gift, regardless of value, in their official capacity as
100 employees, nor shall they solicit or accept any gift in either an official or
101 personal capacity that may be reasonably perceived to be given to
102 encourage or discourage them from taking any action in connection with
103 their County employment.

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105 ~~(6) Notwithstanding Section 26-73(a)(1), the office staff of County~~
106 ~~Commissioners may, with written approval of the County Commissioner for~~
107 ~~whom the staff member works, accept gifts of food and/or nonalcoholic~~
108 ~~beverages with a value not greater than \$25.00.~~

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110 Section 3. Conflicting Earlier Ordinances Superseded.

111 To the extent any provision of this Ordinance, including its manner of enactment
112 by a simple majority vote of the Board, conflicts with Ordinance No. 2010-22,