

Request No. 2008-8

**REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION
BOARD OF ETHICS
AMC 1.15.080**

NAME: Jeff Friedman

POSITION: Current or former Employee
 Current or former Appointed member of municipal authority
 Current or former Elected Official
 Candidate for Municipal Office or employment
 Municipal Clerk Municipal Attorney

I AM REQUESTING INTERPRETATION AND APPLICABILITY OF THE FOLLOWING SECTION OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ETHICS:

THE SITUATION IS: See Attached

I understand d Board of Ethics Advisory Opinions are required to be posted on the Municipal website. (AMC 1.15.080 C)

I waive confidentiality
waived verbally 11/21/08

I request this advisory be kept confidential

JEFF FRIEDMAN
1534 D STREET
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Printed Name Address
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11/4/08 *School Board Member*

Date Position/Title

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From: jfriedman@alaska.com [mailto:jfriedman@alaska.com]
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2008 3:04 PM
To: World Wide Web Municipal Clerk
Subject: Request for Ethics Advisory Opinion

To the Municipal Ethics Board:

Pursuant to AMC 1.15.080, I am requesting an advisory opinion from the Municipal Ethics Board.

I am a member of the Anchorage School Board. Since being elected to public office, I have prepared meeting reports that outline what has occurred at recent school board meetings. Those reports contain links to relevant web sites, the Anchorage School District Web site, and memoranda hosted on the ASD web site. These reports are not part of my official duties as a school board member, and to my knowledge, no other school board member prepares similar reports. On the other hand, I did not prepare these reports prior to being elected, and may not continue doing so when I am no longer a board member. The reports do not contain any confidential material. They are e-mailed to subscribers over the ASD e-mail system. Subscribers include ASD employees as well as general community members. No charge is made for issuing these reports, and anyone may subscribe.

1. I would like to establish a blog with a title such as the Anchorage Education Report. I could receive a personal benefit from advertising hosted on that blog, or by advertising products I sell in my personal capacity. Would it be permissible for me to copy and past these same reports into that blog? (Any required reporting on the APOC public officer's disclosure form would be made.)
2. I will have a campaign web site for the upcoming Municipal Election. This web site is used to help my re-election efforts. Would it be permissible for me to post these reports on my campaign web site?
3. If either of these are permissible, should the copy and pasting be done by e-mailing these to my personal account and using my personal computer for this purpose?

Sincerely,

Jeff Friedman
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Anchorage, AK 99501