



Municipal Board of Ethics

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CONFIDENTIAL Request for Advisory Opinion CONFIDENTIAL

Anchorage Municipal Code: Chapter 1.15 **CODE OF ETHICS**

1.15.080 A. A current or former employee, current or former appointed member of any municipal authority, current or former elected official, or current candidate for municipal office or employment may request written advice regarding the applicability and interpretation of this chapter in a particular situation involving the inquirer.

1. In any later proceeding involving the inquirer, the inquirer is entitled to rely on the advice of the board, and may not be sanctioned for acting in compliance with the board's advice, so long as the facts remain substantially unchanged from those represented to the board in the inquiry.

2. A request for advice under 1.15.080A is confidential, unless confidentiality is waived by the person requesting an advisory opinion.

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In accordance with AMC 1.15, I am requesting interpretation and applicability of the following section of the Municipal Code of Ethics:

1.15.020 or other sections

The situation is:

See attached material

Request expedited review please

* on lines 445 - I am attempting to find call logs - Thanks

I affirm to the best of my knowledge that my statement is true, correct, and complete. I understand Board of Ethics Advisory Opinions are required to be posted on the Municipal website (AMC 1.15.080 C.)

Waive Confidentiality

I Request Confidentiality

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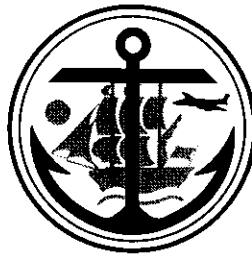
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Signature of Requestor:

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Board of Ethics
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Chair Kelly,

I am respectfully requested an expedited review of action(s) and comments that surround a possible contract and/or contract amendment at the next scheduled Assembly meeting on January 17, 2012.

Facts not in dispute:

1. I am a duly elected member of the Municipal Assembly (term 2010 – 2013).
2. I filed a Letter of Intent with the State of Alaska, APOC on July 22, 2011 my intent to file for the Office of Mayor for the April 3, 2012 Municipal Election.
3. I publicly announced on October 5, 2011 my candidacy for Mayor – officially kicking off my formal campaign.
4. As a candidate, I began calling possible contributors after July 22, 2011 – and among them is William (Bill) Sheffield – who was a contributor to my Assembly campaign. I left a voice message on his home phone – and did not verbally speak with him. This call was made and message left in approximately late August – early September, 2011.*
5. As is my practice – I recalled Mr Sheffield's home phone number (I believe in late October)* to follow up on my contribution request. Again – I did not verbally speak to Mr. Sheffield, and he did not return either of my calls.
6. Mr Sheffield is an Executive (appointed) employee of the MOA – and was appointed by, works for and answers to the Mayor of Anchorage. I have no direct supervision or role in managing Mr Sheffield.

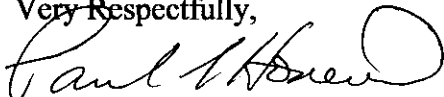
7. On November 18th 2011 – The Executive and Legislative branches of the Municipality met with the Anchorage delegation of the Alaska State Legislature. I was in attendance at this meeting. During this meeting, a rather terse exchange among our Mayor and a State Representative (I believe Rep. Les Gara) occurred regarding the largest single request of the MOA - \$350 Millions dollars for the Port of Anchorage Expansion Project.
8. In this exchange – (which was covered by Anchorage media) our Mayor exclaimed that the Port Director – Mr. Sheffield answers to him, and that no matter what dollar figure exclaimed by the Port Director, that the Mayor was only asking for \$350 Million dollars.
9. As a result of ongoing review of the Port Expansion and problems surrounding the project, and the final concern surrounding the confidence in the direction of the Port project, I publicly called upon Anchorage Mayor Sullivan to remove Mr Sheffield from his post as Port Director. I made this request as a candidate for office.
10. Concerns from the public and as the State Legislature convenes January 17, 2012 brought about my call for his removal as urgent.
11. I have not had a conversation with Mr. Sheffield about my Mayoral campaign, or about my call for his removal from office.

As a result of my request, Anchorage Mayor Dan Sullivan has issued statements to the public via the media that he believes that my call for Mr Sheffield's resignation is "retaliatory" for not receiving a campaign contribution. Mr Sullivan further stated publicly that he feels that my actions were unethical and that I should remove myself from any vote pertaining to the possible contract being offered to Mr. Sheffield.

I should point out that I do not, nor would not gain financially from any vote on a potential contract for Mr Sheffield. Additionally, I and many other Assembly members routinely make comments to the media in support of or opposing contracts, Ordinance proposals and/or Resolutions that come before the body. Oftentimes, these comments are solicited and made in advance of the vote.

As I have read the Ethics code, I do not see any merit in Mr Sullivan's comments – and respectfully request that you review these facts for an advisory ruling.

Very Respectfully,



Paul Honeman
Anchorage Assembly
Section 5, Seat H