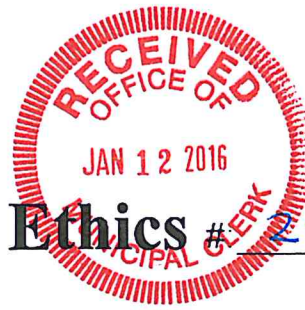




# Municipal Board of Ethics



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Mailing Address: P.O. Box 196650 Anchorage, AK 99519-6650

BOE Date: 1/14/16

Phone: 343-4311 Fax: 343-4313 Municipal Clerk: Barbara A. Jones **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: AMC 1.15.020 A. 7 – Diversion of municipal personnel time, municipal services, .... for a purpose unrelated to municipal business.

The situation is: We have a current regular municipal employee that is working under a student visa which will expire in early May 2016. She has requested that the Municipality sponsor her under a new work visa. We would like to have a brief consultation with a private immigration attorney to determine whether it is feasible to sponsor the employee and determine how extensive the obligations (cost, paperwork, etc.) would be to the Municipality. We envision a maximum one or two hour consult (estimated cost less than \$750) with the immigration attorney.

The question is whether this would be an appropriate use of municipal time and funds. The employee in question is a high performing employee (an environmental health specialist that performs, among other duties, as a restaurant inspector). The Department of Health and Human Services believes that it is in its best interest to retain the services of this productive and motivated employee.

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.)

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Waive Confidentiality	<input type="radio"/> I Request Confidentiality
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