



Municipal Board of Ethics

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CONFIDENTIAL Request for Advisory Opinion CONFIDENTIAL

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

1.15.80 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:

Use of Municipal Property

The situation is:

I work for the Anchorage Fire Department, IAFF Local 1264, and I am working on creating a 2015 Anchorage Firefighter's Calendar. I own a photography business, and I am donating all of my time to this project. Yearly, big fire departments across the country, such as FDNY, Houston, and Denver, create a firefighter's calendar to benefit charities. This is a project I am passionate about, and one that I hope to continue on a yearly basis to benefit our great city. This year I have received sponsorship money from 12 businesses, each taking a month of the calendar, which is going towards printing costs. The only cost incurred during this project is for printing, as I am donating my time as well as the firefighter's are donating their time and posing during their off duty hours. The following businesses are some of my current sponsors: Enstar, Diamond D Leather, Odom Corporation, RE/MAX of Alyeska, Color Art, Bob's Services, GCI/KTVA, Providence Imaging Center, Moose's Tooth, Harley Davidson of Alaska and State Farm. This project will benefit 50% to the Fallen Firefighter's Memorial and 50% to the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life. After sponsorship of the 12 months, the first 2,500 calendars will be paid for after Union backing. This will raise approximately \$40,000 - \$50,000 in charity funds. The Fire Chief of the Anchorage Fire Department is in support of this project. What I am requesting is the use of Municipal property in the photos. I have taken all 12 photographs, and in the process I have used turnout pants, tools, and fire apparatus in the shots. When FDNY does this project yearly, it is supported by the city and they are also allowed to proudly show the Fire Department logo as well. When I originally spoke of this idea to our Fire Chief, I said I could Photo Shop out AFD and the Municipal logo. If this isn't necessary, due to the nature of the charity project, I would appreciate that information as well. Thanks for your consideration, and I believe this could be a huge benefit to our amazing city!

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.)

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