



# Municipal Board of Ethics

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## CONFIDENTIAL Request for Advisory Opinion CONFIDENTIAL

Anchorage Municipal Code: Chapter 1.15 CODE OF ETHICS, AMC 1.15.080 Advisory Opinions

- (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.
- (B) The board may also accept a request for an advisory opinion on a matter referred to the board by the municipal clerk, the municipal ombudsman, or the municipal attorney.

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<input type="radio"/> Current Appointed Member of Authority	<input type="radio"/> Former Appointed Member of Authority
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	<input type="radio"/> Municipal Ombudsman

In accordance with AMC 1.15, I am requesting interpretation and applicability of the following section of the Municipal Code of Ethics: AMC 1.15.025.c

The situation is:

See attached.

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 1.15.080C.)

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Waive Confidentiality	<input type="radio"/> I Request Confidentiality
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Signature of Requestor: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 4/14/16

Municipality of Anchorage  
Board of Ethics  
Request for Advisory Opinion  
Supplemental Explanation

My name is Robert Gustafson and I currently work for AWWU as the Water Quality Section Superintendent. After nearly 9 years with AWWU, I am starting my own private business intending to treat and bottle Eklutna Lake water. The difference between other companies currently bottling water they receive from AWWU is that our company would like to purchase raw water from AWWU before the addition of numerous treatment chemicals. Our company plans to invest in our own small water treatment plant in addition to the other related bottle blowing and bottling equipment necessary to produce our product.

Our company, Eklutna Natural Resources LLC, will need a small capital project completed to create a water access point at the Eklutna Water Treatment Plant that will allow us to fill a tanker truck with raw water we can then haul to our treatment and bottling plant. This is much the same way many other local water bottlers get their water from AWWU at a different point in the treatment process before the water is chlorinated and fluoridated. Our company simply does not want to purchase water from AWWU after it has had several treatment chemicals added throughout the treatment process. This will require the construction of a small diameter pipe from within the Eklutna Energy Recovery station through the outer wall to the outside for us to connect a hose to.

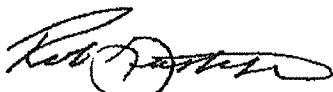
Our company understands there will be costs associated with the construction of the fill station and would be open to discussion with AWWU about a cost structure for water purchased from AWWU and paying the necessary costs of constructing the fill station itself.

Brett Jokela, AWWU General Manager, wants to ensure I have undergone an ethics review for the proposed interaction I have planned with AWWU before he and I begin further discussion on the topic. Mr. Jokela told me I should start this process by contacting you to discuss the proposed purchase of water from AWWU given I am a current employee with AWWU.

I have not found anything thus far that would appear on the surface to be an ethical issue, given I am not proposing something that would require AWWU nor the Municipality of Anchorage to pay my company. In fact, what I am proposing would bring additional revenue to AWWU beyond their current customer base.

I contemplated sending this email through my personal email, but figured my initial contact with you should come through my official work email for sake of internal validation of who I am.

Thank you for your time,



Robert Gustafson