



LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

ETHICS COMMISSION

JERRY E. ABRAMSON
MAYOR

LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY
METRO GOVERNMENT ETHICS COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR AN OPINION: 10-C-003

Authority granted by the Ordinance

The Ethics Ordinance vests in this body the sole authority to determine whether a Metro Officer has violated any of its provisions.

Note: Ethics Ordinance revision approved unanimously by Metro Council March 11, 2010 and by the Mayor on March 25, 2010. This request pertains to 21.01 DEFINITIONS; specifically a METRO OFFICER Section (B) (10).

Background information of the request

Elizabeth Kinney Hoffman, Metro Council Majority Caucus Director, requested clarification on who is considered a Metro Officer and covered by the ordinance under Section (B) (10). Ms. Hoffman further asked if the Ordinance includes all staff members that work for the Council, the Business Office, Common staff, and part-time legislative aids. Ms. Hoffman has also expressed concerns, that if additional staff members are now covered by the ordinance, they are not familiar with the rules of the ordinance, nor received the mandated training as members covered by the ordinance. She also expresses concern on this matter due to the Derby events Metro Council members may be invited to.

Applicable Rules

As written in 21.01 DEFINITIONS. Section (B) (10), " A Metro Council Caucus staff member and all staff members that report to either or both Caucuses of the Louisville Metro Council are covered."

Ethics Commission Discussion

At the scheduled Ethics Commission on April 15, 2010, reviewed this request for an opinion. Before rendering an opinion, the Ethics unanimously voted to temporarily table the request and invite Ms. Hoffman to attend the next scheduled meeting of the Ethics Commission on June 17, 2010 to provide clarification of her request.

Larry Grant
Acting Chair
Metro Louisville/Jefferson County Ethics Commission