Audit, Finance & Legislative Committee

Lobbyist Registration Act

(Ordinance 0-08-12)

July 14, 2008

- **June 2007:** City Commission referred issue of lobbyist registration to Charter Officers for development and report back to Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee (AFLC)

- **November 2007 and June 2008:** Charter Officers reviewed lobbyist registration requirements at state and local government level in Florida and presented several options to the AFLC for discussion

- **June 2008:** City Commission authorized City Attorney to draft an ordinance establishing lobbyist registration requirements

Ordinance No. 0-08-12

- Creates Lobbyist Registration Act

- Establishes rules for lobbyists engaging in efforts to influence City Commissioners or CRA members

- Requires lobbyists to register and provide general identification and client information

- Contains enforcement provisions

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Definitions

- **Lobbying** means communicating, directly or indirectly, with any City Commissioner or CRA member with intent to encourage the passage, defeat, modification or repeal of any item that may be presented for a vote before the City Commission or CRA

- **Lobbyist** means any person who is employed and receives payment, or who contracts for economic consideration of any kind, for the purpose of lobbying

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<u>Summary</u>

- Lobbyist registration is about providing greater transparency in government by making more visible the influences on government decision making
- Lobbyist registration will not in any way prohibit lobbying
- Lobbyist registration will not require payment of fees or submission of compensation reports

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Summary

- Registration statements will be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission and be valid for one year

- The Clerk's Office will maintain a current list of registered lobbyists and the registration statements required

- All documentation will be open for public inspection

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