

AMENDING CHAPTER 18 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES,  
REGARDING REGULATION OF LOBBYING BY COUNTY EMPLOYEES

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Dane does ordain as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, all references to section and chapter numbers are to those of the Dane County Code of Ordinances.

ARTICLE 2. Section 18.19 is amended to read as follows:

**18.19 LOBBYING REGULATED.**

(1) This section regulates lobbying activities before ~~state and federal legislative bodies and before state and federal administrative agencies engaged in rulemaking activities~~ any governmental body as defined by Wis. Stat. s. 19.82(1).

(2) As used in this section the term *lobby* means to take a position for or against a legislative proposal or a proposed ~~administrative rule~~ item of business before any governmental body. *Lobbying*, as used herein, does not include ~~the exchange of a response to a request for information or an opinion when requested by the governmental body or a member thereof. where no position for or against the legislative proposal or rule is taken.~~

(3) An employee who desires to engage in lobbying activities on county-paid time ~~or to present his or her position on pending legislation or administrative rules~~ as an official county position shall first have the position approved by the County Board, or in the case of emergency situations, by the committee designated by the County Board to act in such matters.

(4) In the absence of prior County Board or committee approval, as appropriate, an employee shall not represent his or her position on matters pending legislation or administrative rules before a governmental body as an official county position nor shall the employee make an appearance on county-paid time other than time compensated as vacation or holiday.

(5) If the employee, who is not presenting an official county position ~~on pending legislation or administrative rules~~, engages in lobbying activities on county-paid personal time ~~or if the employee's employment with the County is disclosed to or known by the legislative body or administrative agency, the employee shall also make either a written or oral disclaimer. If the employee presents his or her position in writing, the disclaimer shall be in writing and shall appear boxed on the first page of the document. If a verbal position is taken, the disclaimer must precede the discussion. the employee shall make a~~ The disclaimer ~~shall be in~~ substantially ~~in~~ the following form: "This position is not the official position of the County of Dane. It is the personal position of the speaker (or author, as appropriate)."

(6) The regulations established herein with respect to appearances before legislative and administrative bodies apply with equal force to personal contacts of any kind with individual members of such bodies when the purpose or one

47 purpose of such contact is to present a position on pending legislation or  
48 administrative rules.

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50 *[EXPLANATION: This amendment clarifies that county employees may not*  
51 *lobby the county board or administrative agencies.]*  
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