Issue: Introduce an Ordinance to Amend Title 2 of the Clark County Code

Petitioner: Donald G. Burnette, Chief Administrative Officer

Recommendation:

That the Board of County Commissioners introduce an ordinance to amend Title 2 of the Clark County Code by adding a new chapter concerning the registration of persons who lobby members of the Board of County Commissioners; providing for other matters properly relating thereto; and set a public hearing.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

BACKGROUND:

The Clark County Board of County Commissioners adopted a lobbyist registration policy, by resolution, in 1994 that was revised in 2002. This ordinance establishes the lobbyist registration policy as part of the County Code and makes various revisions to the policy including the following:

1. Applies to persons who communicate with a Commissioner whether or not any compensation is received for the communication.
2. Requires a person engaged in lobbying on a regular basis to file an annual registration statement and then requires a disclosure form to be filed whenever the lobbyist communicates directly with a Commissioner.
3. Outlines the information required to be provided on the disclosure form.
4. Prohibits certain acts relating to lobbying and establishes sanctions for violations.
5. Authorizes Commissioners to elect not to receive contributions for re-election during a specified period during their term of office.

Commissioner Giunchigliani has requested that this item be scheduled for introduction at the February 17, 2009, Board of County Commissioners' meeting. Staff recommends a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Administrative Officer