

Sec. 2-218. - Registration of lobbyists

All persons who are lobbyists under Section 2-217 must register. Thereafter, all lobbyists shall register and re-register, as applicable, prior to January 1 of each year. The lobbyist shall pay a fee of \$50.00 annually. Persons who lobby only on behalf of nonprofit corporations are not required to pay the annual fee. All lobbyists must update their registration when they engage a new client prior to initiating any lobbying activities with affected personnel. Registration forms shall be in the manner designated by the county attorney. The lobbyist shall provide his or her name, business name, business address, telephone number, email address; the name and business address of each principal represented, the general and specific areas of interest, and the nature and extent of any direct business association or partnership with any current member of the board. Each lobbyist shall sign a form, to be prepared by the County Attorney's office, indicating that he or she has read the lobbying ordinance and will abide by its provisions.

Registered lobbyists shall be prohibited from lobbying any Commissioner or other affected personnel regarding official County business via text message on that Commissioner's or personnel's private cell phone or other private media, such but not limited to, as private text messages and e-mails. In cases where such communication cannot be avoided, the lobbyist and the Commissioner must send a copy of the communication to the Commissioner's County e-mail address and notify the Lobbyist Registration Manager. Registered lobbyists are prohibited from communicating electronically with any commissioner during any commission meetings.