



Under this section, an employee may engage in City business as long as such business does not constitute a "financial interest." This applies to your sole proprietorship as well since you would be receiving the benefit in the name of another person, the business.

Section 2-156-110 (emphasis added). "Financial interest" is defined in the Ethics Ordinance as "(1) any interest as a result of which the owner currently receives or is entitled to receive in the future more than \$2,500 per year; (2) any interest with a cost or present value of \$5,000 or more; or (3) any interest representing more than 10% of a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, firm, enterprise, franchise, organization, holding company, joint stock company, receivership, trust, or any legal entity organized for profit." Section 2-156-010(1).

No elected official or employee shall have a financial interest in his own name or in the name of any other person in any contract, work or business of the City or in the sale of any article, whenever the expense, price or consideration of the contract, work, business or sale is paid with funds belonging to or administered by the City, or is authorized by ordinance.

The Governmental Ethics Ordinance states that:

On today's date, the Board of Ethics received a telephone call from [redacted] of the Purchasing Department on your behalf. She stated that you have a sole proprietorship which sells office supplies. You wanted to know if you could sell these supplies to the City. [redacted] stated that you have no affiliation with the Purchasing Department, but you are a City employee.

Dear [redacted]
 Re: Doing business with the City

[redacted]
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Therefore, your business may sell products to the City through its Purchasing Department as long as this business does not earn more than \$2,500 per year or a jump sum of \$5,000 or more. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us.

Very truly yours,

Marilyn E. Hanzal

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cc: [redacted] Department of Purchasing