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ORDINANCE NO. 260

AN ORDINANCE OF THE OF THE TOWN OF HILLSBORO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2 ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION" BY SPECIFICALLY CREATING ARTICLE IX, SECTION 2-116 TO BE ENTITLED "REGISTRATION OF LOBBYIST"; PROVIDING FOR A DEFINITION OF A LOBBYIST; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Commission deems it important to maintain the reputation of integrity maintained by the Town of Hillsboro Beach Commission and Town employees;

WHEREAS, the Town Commission adheres to the principle that it is inherent to good governance that public officials be impartial in their deliberations;

WHEREAS, the Town Commission deems it necessary that the identity and activities of any individual who engages in efforts to influence Town officials either by direct communication to such officials or by solicitation of others to engage in such efforts be publicly and regularly disclosed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HILLSBORO BEACH, FLORIDA THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Article IX, Section 2-116 entitled "Registration of Lobbyist" of Chapter 2 entitled "Administration" of the Code of Ordinances is hereby created to read as follows:

ARTICLE IX. REGISTRATION OF LOBBYIST.

Section 2-116. REGISTRATION OF LOBBYIST.

(a) Definitions:

"Lobbyist" shall be defined as any person or persons employed or retained, paid by a principal who seeks to encourage the passage, defeat or modification of any ordinance, resolution, action or decision of any Commission member; any action, decision, recommendation of the Mayor or any Town Commission member; or any action, decision or recommendation of any Town personnel during the time period of the entire decision-making process on such action, decision or recommendation that foreseeably will be heard or reviewed by the Town Commission, or a Town board. The term specifically includes the principal as well as any employee engaged in lobbying activities.

(b) Prior to engaging in each specific lobbying activity, a lobbyist, as defined herein, shall sign a Registration form maintained by the Town Clerk and file with the Town Clerk or the designee of the Town Clerk, the Registration form which shall require the following information:

1. The name, address, a telephone number and email address of the lobbyist. The "address" must be physical address (e.g. not a Post Office Box) where the lobbyist either resides or customarily does business.

- 1 2. The nature and extent of any involvement, activity or assistance, whether paid or
2 voluntary, by any lobbyist, or any member of the lobbyist's immediate family,
3 with current or the most recent campaign of any current elect Town official, or
4 current candidate.
- 5 3. Name, address, and phone number of the lobbyist's principal(s), if known at the
6 time of registration. The "address" must be a physical address (e.g. a Post Office
7 Box) where the principal either resides or customarily does business.
- 8 4. The general and specific matters upon which the lobbyist intends to lobby, if
9 known at the time of registration.

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11 (c) There shall be no fee charged by the Town to any lobbyist or lobbyist's principal for registration or
12 lobbying pursuant to this ordinance.

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14 (d) The Lobbyist Registration forms shall be maintained in the Town Clerk's office. The Registration
15 form must be signed by the lobbyist and required of each lobbyist for each separate lobby activity
16 undertaken by a Lobbyist.

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18 (d) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Ordinance, no lobbyist shall be required to
19 register when attending any public hearing or public meeting of the Town or a Town Board in the
20 Town of Hillsboro Beach, Florida.

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22 **Section 3.** The appropriate members of the Town staff are hereby authorized to take any
23 and all steps necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance.

24 **Section 4.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in
25 conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

26 **Section 5.** If any clause, section, or other part or application of this Ordinance shall be held
27 by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutional or invalid
28 part or application shall be considered as eliminated and so not affecting the validity of the remaining
29 portions or applications remaining in full force and effect.

30 **Section 6.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption by the Town Commission.
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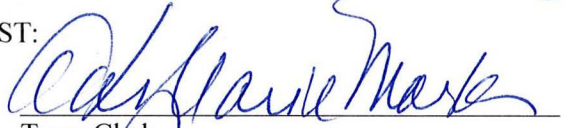
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PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HILLSBORO BEACH, FLORIDA, ON FIRST READING, THIS 6th DAY OF December, 2011.

PASSED ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HILLSBORO BEACH, FLORIDA, ON SECOND AND FINAL READING, THIS 10th DAY OF January, 2012.

By:  _____
Mayor

ATTEST:  _____
Town Clerk

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