Orange County Electronic Communications and Public Records Update

January 15, 2013



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November BCC Discussion

- Mobile Device Inventory
- Administrative Regulations
 Proposed Amendments
- Training
- Tracking Technology









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Administrative Regulations Proposed Amendments

- Amendments to 2.06 (public records)
 - Each employee/official is the custodian of his/her own public records
 - ISS is custodian of all telephone call records, transitory land-line voice mail messages, email and other electronic messages sent from countyissued device, phone or computer



Administrative Regulations Proposed Amendments

- Amendments to 11.06 (land-lines, cellular telephones and other instant communication devices)
 - Train employees before issuing a County mobile device;
 - Criteria for issuance of county mobile device is stated;
 - Reimbursement no longer required for de minimis use;
 - Non-exempt employees must have written authorization and record hours when using County systems to perform work outside of regular business hours;
 - Hands free device required when driving a County vehicle.



Administrative Regulations Proposed Amendments

- Amendments to both regulations
 - Voice mail messages
 - Intended to be brief, transitory messages;
 - ISS will maintain no longer than 10 days;
 - Employee/official must maintain non-transitory voice mail messages or transitory messages not obsolete in 10 days
 - Personal mobile devices
 - County does not encourage or expect employees/officials to use their own personal device;
 - Employee/official will be responsible to maintain those public records transacted on his/her personal mobile device.



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Administrative Regulations Next Steps

- Finalize amendments to Administrative Regulations
- Place amendments on future agenda
- Training on amendments will follow approval (5-6 months)
- Amendments will take effect after training is complete



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Board Discussion November 13, 2012

- Consensus on no electronic communication with the public during board meetings
 - Comm. Edwards on Board days no text communication all day for items on that Board agenda (Comm. Boyd agreed)
 - Mayor Jacobs use an auto response to alert sender message was not received
 - Comm. Brummer and Thompson use a jammer on Board dais to block signal



Board Discussion November 13, 2012

- Some agreement on clearly separating use of personal devices and county-issued mobile devices
- Some agreement on amending lobbying ordinance to –
 - Require lobbyists report contact by text message;
 - Fine lobbyist for violations; and
 - Disallow lobbyists from lobbying during Board meetings.



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The Board directed staff to come back on January 15, 2013 for further discussion.



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Mayor's Memorandum Jan. 10, 2013

- Proposed amendments to lobbying ordinance
 - Requires lobbyist/principal who retains a lobbyist to record telephone lobbying contacts
 - Prohibits lobbying by text messaging, voice mail, instant messaging, and other similar means
 - Allows investigation of any violation of lobbying code



Mayor's Memorandum Jan. 10, 2013

- Prohibits elected officials and their appointed staff from using personal mobile devices or personal email accounts to conduct public business
- Implementation options
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Board Discussion

- Amendments to the lobbying ordinance
- Board action on use of personal devices and email accounts for County business
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Board Action

- Direction to draft and advertise an ordinance amending the lobbying code
- Direction on use of personal devices and personal email accounts for County business

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