

Ethics

Community Redevelopment Agencies are primarily subject to the ethics and disclosure requirements in of [Chapter 112, Part III](#), Florida Statutes. The Florida City Community Redevelopment Agency is not subject to the oversight of the Board of Ethics of Miami-Dade County.

[Chapter 163.367, Florida Statutes states:](#)

“(1) The officers, commissioners, and employees of a community redevelopment agency created by, or designated pursuant to, s. 163.356 or s. 163.357 shall be subject to the provisions and requirements of part III of chapter 112.

(2) If any such official, commissioner, or employee presently owns or controls, or owned or controlled within the preceding 2 years, any interest, direct or indirect, in any property which he or she knows is included or planned to be included in a community redevelopment area, he or she shall immediately disclose this fact in the manner provided in part III of chapter 112. Any disclosure required to be made by this section shall be made prior to taking any official action pursuant to this section.

(3) No commissioner or other officer of any community redevelopment agency, board, or commission exercising powers pursuant to this part shall hold any other public office under the county or municipality other than his or her commissionership or office with respect to such community redevelopment agency, board, or commission.”

In the case of voting conflicts, [Chapter 112.3143\(3\), Florida Statutes states:](#)

“(3)(a) No county, municipal, or other local public officer shall vote in an official capacity upon any measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss; which he or she knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of any principal by whom he or she is retained or to the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained, other than an agency as defined in s. 112.312(2); or which he or she knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of a relative or business associate of the public officer. Such public officer shall, prior to the vote being taken, publicly state to the assembly the nature of the officer's interest in the matter from which he or she is abstaining from voting and, within 15 days after the vote occurs, disclose the nature of his or her interest as a public record in a memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who shall incorporate the memorandum in the minutes.

(b) However, a commissioner of a community redevelopment agency created or designated pursuant to s. 163.356 or s. 163.357, or an officer of an independent special tax district elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis, is not prohibited from voting, when voting in said capacity.”

More information can be obtained from the website of the Florida Commission on Ethics at <http://www.ethics.state.fl.us/>.

The Community Redevelopment Agency requires that upon assuming office, each new member of the Agency Board must complete a [“CRA Board Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interest Form.”](#) The purpose of this form is to provide for disclosure of any financial interests that the Board member or their family have in property or businesses located within the [Community Redevelopment Area](#). These forms are kept on file in the Community Redevelopment Agency office.

Before any contract is executed by the Community Redevelopment Agency for goods or services in excess of \$10,000, the proposed vendor must complete a [“Florida City Vendor or Contractor Disclosure Form”](#). The purpose of this form is to alert the Community Redevelopment Agency of any potential but unknown conflict that may exist between a City official or employee and a proposed vendor or contractor. If such a conflict is discovered, the Agency can advise all parties so that there will be no violation of conflicts of interest or ethics disclosure requirements.