

“AM I A LEGISLATIVE AGENT?”

You **are** a legislative agent and **are** required to register if:

- you are an individual who receives compensation from a company or organization in exchange for your active advocacy on behalf of this client.

You **are not** a legislative agent and **are not** required to register if:

- you are an elected official or a member of the staff of any elected official
- you are a business owner, president, CEO, executive director, board member, or any individual holding a substantially similar position advocating on behalf of that organization
- Any federal, state, or local government employee, or public school district employee advocating on behalf of that organization
- you are an officer of a labor organization
- you are a private citizen advocating on behalf of yourself
- you are a private citizen who is not receiving compensation and advocating on behalf of a community

You **are not** a legislative agent and **are not** required to register if you are engaged in the following activities exclusively:

- you are a reporter gathering or furnishing information
- you are an individual appearing before an elected official during a public meeting
- you are an individual advertising or making statements in any media
- you are a publication that caters to a specific association, charitable or non-profit organization
- you are an individual providing professional services relating to legislation and are not receiving compensation to advocate for the specific legislation

Am I a Legislative Agent required to register under this provision?

IF you are an individual who is employed or retained for compensation for, during at least a portion of his time to actively advocate on behalf of a client as one of his or her main purposes.

Who is NOT a Legislative Agent required to register under this provision?

An elected official or a member of the staff of any elected official

Any business owner or president, CEO, executive director, board member, or any individual holding a substantially similar position advocating on behalf of that individual's business, partnership, association or corporation, or on whose board he or she serves, and only on behalf of that business, partnership, association or corporation, and who is not engaged during at least a portion of his or her time to actively advocate as one of his or her main purposes

Any federal, state, or local government employee, or public school district employee who is engaged during at least a portion of his or her time to actively advocate as one of his or her main purposes unless that employee is engaged by a state institution of higher learning, as defined by section 3345.011 of the Ohio Revised Code, or engaged by a labor organization, as defined by section 3517.01(B)(18) of the Ohio Revised Code, and is engaged during at least a portion of his or her time to actively advocate as one of his or her main purposes

Any officer of a labor organization, as described by section 3517.01(B)(18) of the Ohio Revised Code, elected by the general membership of that labor organization

Any private citizen advocating on behalf of himself or herself or a community and who is not engaged during at least a portion of his or her time to actively advocate as one of his or her main purposes

Any private citizen advocating on behalf of himself or herself and who is engaged during at least a portion of his or her time to actively advocate as one of his or her main purposes.

Any person not engaged by a client who has a direct interest in legislation if the person, acting under Section 3 of Article I, Ohio Constitution, assembles together with other persons to consult for their common good, instructs a public officer or employee who is listed in this chapter, or petitions that public officer or employee for the redress of grievances

The requirements and prohibitions of this section also do not apply to efforts to actively advocate by any of the following:

- (a) Appearances before meetings of the committees of city council or the full council, and appearances before public hearings of the committees of the council;
- (b) News, editorial, and advertising statements published in bona fide newspapers, journals, or magazines, or broadcast over radio or television;
- (c) The gathering and furnishing of information and news by bona fide reporters, correspondents, or news bureaus to news media described hereinabove;
- (d) Publications primarily designed for and distributed to members of bona fide associations or charitable or fraternal nonprofit corporations.

(2) The requirements and prohibitions of this section do not apply to the rendering of professional services in drafting ordinances or resolutions, preparing arguments thereon, or in advising clients and rendering opinions as to the construction and the effect of proposed or pending legislation, provided the services are not otherwise connected with actions to actively advocate.