

September 14, 1999

Re: IO-99-165

You inquired whether you could accept sporadic part-time employment as an electrician at the xxx. You have been a master electrician for many years, predating your employment with the county. You have been asked by the managers of the xxx on a couple of occasions to install outlets and things of that nature, but you have not solicited these opportunities which you stated have come to you through word of mouth.

The xxx is on land owned by the city. The county government leases the property, and for several years operated xxx. A few years ago, the county transferred operational control of the xxx to the Maryland Economic Development Corporation, a quasi-public agency. The corporation contracted with the yyy to operate the golf course. This management corporation is a national company that operates xxx throughout the country. It was employees of this management group that contacted you with employment opportunities. Currently there are no county employees involved in the operation of the facility.

Under these circumstances, there is nothing in the provisions of §3-105 of the Public Ethics Law that would prohibit your employment with the xxx. It is has no contract with the county, and is not subjected to the authority of, or regulation by your agency. You are not being employed to represent the corporation in any manner in which the county has any significant interest, and there appears to be nothing involved in this employment that would impair your independent and impartial judgment as a county employee.

For these reasons, you may undertake occasional electrical jobs with the xxx, provided of course, that you take care to perform your services on your off-duty time. Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

Betsy K. Dawson