



PAID CAMPAIGN WORKERS PARTICIPATING IN VOTE-BY-MAIL ACTIVITIES

Pursuant to Section 12-14.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, candidates running for municipal office, whose paid poll workers are engaged in Vote-by-Mail (formerly known as absentee ballot) activities must file form MD-ED 26, entitled "Vote-by-Mail Campaign Report" (formerly known as "Paid Campaign Workers Participating in Absentee Ballot Activities") with the Office of the City Clerk. No reporting or submittal of form MD-ED 26 is required if no paid campaign workers participated in Vote-by-Mail activities during the applicable reporting period. The MD-ED 26 form is due at the same time Campaign Treasurer's Reports are due.

A copy of Form MD-ED 26 is included in the City's "Most Commonly Used Election Forms" webpage located at <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/election-information/most-commonly-used-election-forms/>

- Each campaign treasurer designated by a candidate for municipal office in Miami-Dade County shall, at the time of filing any contribution or expenditure reports otherwise required by law, file an additional report with the City Clerk listing the names of all paid campaign workers, whether employed by the campaign or any consultant or agent of the campaign, participating in the campaign or undertaking any other activities regarding Vote-by-Mail ballots. The report shall be filed on Form MD-ED 26. No reporting or submittal of form MD-ED 26 is required if no paid campaign workers participated in Vote-by-Mail activities during the applicable reporting period.
- Any candidate failing to file a report as required by Section 12-14.1 on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first three (3) days, and thereafter, \$500 per day for each day late, not to exceed \$5,000. Such fine shall not be an allowable campaign expense and shall be paid only from the personal funds of the candidate. Any candidate may appeal or dispute the fine to the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust based upon, but not limited to, unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, and may request, and shall be entitled to, a hearing before the Commission on Ethics and Public Trust, which shall have the authority to waive the fine in whole or in part. Any such appeal or dispute shall be made within twenty (20) days after receipt of notice that payment is due, or such appeal or dispute shall be waived.
- Candidates for municipal office in Miami-Dade County may not direct or knowingly permit any paid or volunteer campaign worker to violate any provision of the Miami-Dade County Code or Florida Law regarding the conduct of Vote-by-Mail. Any such candidate found to violate this subsection by the Commission on Ethics and Public Trust shall, in addition to any other civil or criminal penalties provided by law, shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 2-11.1(bb) of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

A copy of Miami-Dade County Section 12-14.1, entitled "Vote-by-Mail Campaign Reporting Requirement" (formerly known as "Absentee Ballot Campaign Reporting Requirement") is included in TAB 19 of this handbook.