

March 27, 2013

Members of the Board of Ethics
City of Racine
730 Washington Avenue
Racine, WI 53403

Dear Members of the Board of **Ethics**:

I wish to file a Complaint alleging violations of **Section 2-581(c), (h)** of the City of Racine Code of **Ethics**.

Mary Osterman is a duly appointed Commissioner by the City of Racine Mayor John Dickert. Mary Osterman in her capacity of Secretary of the Cable Commission violated the following two sections of the City of Racine's Code of **Ethics**:

(c) Offering or receiving anything of value. No person may offer or give to a public official, directly or indirectly, and no public official may solicit or accept from any person, directly or indirectly, anything of value if it could reasonably be expected to influence the public official's vote, official actions or judgment, or could reasonably be considered as a reward for any official action or inaction on the part of the official.

May 16, 2011 in a Cable Commission meeting Secretary Mary Osterman offered her personal business for an infomercial program to market sun protection products that are available for sale at Copacetic, which she is the owner. (Attached Commission Minutes 5/16/11)

August 20, 2012 in a Cable Commission meeting Secretary Mary Osterman volunteered her business to be used to create the business sponsorship for CAR25. (Attached Commission Minutes 8/20/12)

September 17, 2012 in a Cable Commission meeting Secretary Mary Osterman stated she wants to use the channel to advertise to reach local people who will shop in her store. Secretary Mary Osterman had knowledge this is a violation of the City of Racine ordinance regarding public access channel. (Attached Commission Minutes 9/17/12)

(h) Incompatibility of offices. No official or employee shall engage in or accept private employment or render service, for private interest, when such employment or service conflicts with the proper discharge of his or her official duties or would tend to impair such official's or employee's independence or judgment or action in the performance of such duties, unless otherwise permitted by law and unless disclosure is made as herein provided.

Secretary Osterman had knowledge of the Cable Access ordinance and franchise agreement. She was advised the Racine City Council would have to made changes to implement advertisement on CAR25. **(Attached see emails reference advertisement)**

Secretary Osterman had communication with Skies Fall Media Group during the evaluation process. RFP 15 states no contact with the bidders after bids have been submitted. **(Attached evaluation forms), (see RFP)**

Secretary Osterman falsified and misrepresented information to the Cable Commission and Racine Common Council concerning information obtained concerning advertisement on CAR25. **(Attached see emails)**

Secretary Osterman violated Opening Meeting law when she participated in the evaluation process, December 4, 2012.

I, the complainant, declare under oath that the information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2013

Complainant:

Signature

State of Wisconsin
Racine County

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____ on this ____ day of _____, 2013.

Notary

Notary Public
Commission Expires: _____