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Mr. Charles R. Laverty, JR.
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Dear Mr. Laverty:

You have asked my opinion relative to your appearing before the City of Cambridge agencies as a former employee of the City.

General Laws, Chapter 268A, section 18 provides the following:

1. A former municipal employee is prohibited from appearing personally before the agency which was under his official responsibility within a period of two years prior to the termination of his employment for a period of one year "... after his last employment has ceased...." There is no language in the statute which discusses or defines the one year period. There is also no language which discusses the application of vacation time to the said one year period.
2. A former municipal employee may not act as an agent or receive compensation directly or indirectly from a client in connection with any particular matter in which the municipality is a party or has a direct and substantial interest, and in which he participated as a municipal employee.

Therefore, it is my opinion that you may not appear personally before the Board of Assessors for a one year period commencing the day after you were removed from the payroll of the City

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of Cambridge, since this is the time your: "last employment...ceased....". You may not act as the agent for or receive compensation directly or indirectly from a client in any matter in which the City is a party or has a direct and substantial interest and in which you participated as a member of the Board of Assessors.

If you have any further questions or seek further clarification, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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