



To: Jorge Martinez-Esteve

From: Craig E. Leen, City Attorney for the City of Coral Gables

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RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Municipal Ordinances

Date: December 8, 2015

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From: [Leen, Craig](#)
To: [Paulk, Enga](#)
Subject: FW: City Attorney Opinion Regarding Municipal Ordinances
Date: Tuesday, December 08, 2015 12:37:06 AM
Importance: High

Please publish.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Leen, Craig
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Cc: Ramos, Miriam
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-----Original Message-----

From: Martinez-Esteve, Jorge (CAO) [<mailto:JME@miamidade.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2015 8:16 AM
To: Leen, Craig
Subject: RE: City Attorney Opinion Regarding Municipal Ordinances

Hi Craig:

I am writing to let you know I am in trial (and have been since Tuesday) and won't be done until tomorrow. I will hopefully be able to get back to you tomorrow once I am out of trial. Thanks, and take care.

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From: Leen, Craig [<mailto:cleen@coralgables.com>]
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2015 12:37 AM
To: Martinez-Esteve, Jorge (CAO)
Subject: City Attorney Opinion Regarding Municipal Ordinances

Jorge,

I also wanted to share with you a City Attorney Opinion I wrote as to why case law supports the principle that municipal ordinances apply to counties, school boards, and state agencies. It was in the context of an historic preservation issue involving the school board. Here is the link to CAO 2015-055:

<http://coralgables.com/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=15384>

Best regards,
Craig

Craig E. Leen
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