



To: Shu-Huei Su; Troy Springmyer

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

RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Tree Removal

Date: June 19, 2013

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Hernandez, Cristina

From: Leen, Craig
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 5:56 PM
To: Hernandez, Cristina
Subject: FW: TECO in Miami Tree Removal Permit Fee

Please place in the opinion file.

Craig E. Leen
City Attorney

From: Leen, Craig
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 5:55 PM
To: 'Shu-Huei Su'; Springmyer, Troy; 王處長手機
Cc: Thornton Richard, Bridgette
Subject: RE: TECO in Miami Tree Removal Permit Fee

Ms. Su,

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Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Craig E. Leen
City Attorney

From: Shu-Huei Su [mailto:sushuhuei.taiwan@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 5:09 PM
To: Leen, Craig; Springmyer, Troy; 王處長手機; Shu-Huei Su
Subject: TECO in Miami Tree Removal Permit Fee

Dear Mr. Leen,

It was our pleasure meeting you this morning. Thank you for taking your time to meet with us. We are very grateful for your assistance on our tree removal permit process. May we request the Tree Removal Permit fee could be waived for Taipei Economic and Cultural Office at 8031 Los Pinos Blvd, Coral Gables FL 33143?

I thank you very much for taking this into your consideration.

Sincerely,

 Shu-Huei Su

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