



To: Michael Pounds

From: Mariam S. Ramos, Deputy City Attorney for the City of Coral Gables

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

RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Sale of Surplus City Vehicles and Equipment

Date: September 24, 2015

You ask whether the City's Procurement Department may sell by auction, City surplus vehicles and equipment, which individually have a fair market value of less than \$25,000, without having to be declared surplus property by a resolution of the City Commission.

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This opinion is issued pursuant to Sec. 2-201(e)(1) and (8) of the City of Coral Gables Code giving the City Attorney's Office the authority to issue opinions and interpretations on behalf of the City.

From: [Leen, Craig](#)
To: [Paulk, Enga](#)
Cc: [Ramos, Miriam](#); [Figueroa, Yaneris](#)
Subject: FW: Sale of Surplus City Vehicles and Equipment
Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 3:59:40 PM

Please publish as a City Attorney Opinion.

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

From: Ramos, Miriam
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 3:56 PM
To: Pounds, Michael; Leen, Craig; Figueroa, Yaneris
Cc: Riley, Steven
Subject: RE: Sale of Surplus City Vehicles and Equipment

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Sincerely,

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From: Pounds, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 12:51 PM
To: Leen, Craig; Ramos, Miriam; Figueroa, Yancris
Cc: Riley, Steven
Subject: Sale of Surplus City Vehicles and Equipment

Please find attached a Legal Advise Request regarding the sale of vehicles and equipment by auction.

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

From: fn-pur@coralgables.com [mailto:fn-pur@coralgables.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 12:30 PM
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Subject: Sent from the Coral Gables Procurement Department

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