




To: Carlos Hernandez

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

RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Informational Sign On City Property

Date: January 2, 2013

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Hernandez, Cristina

From: Leen, Craig
Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2013 5:08 PM
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Please place in the opinion file.

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Craig,

Attached is previous opinion on the matter of City erecting temporary sign in the right-of-way.

Can the City erect signs on city owned property that is not ROW)?

Thanks,

Carlos

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 2, 2013, at 11:40 AM, "Franqui, Susan" <sfranqui@coralgables.com> wrote:

As per your request please see attached.

Regards,

Susan

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