



To: Artan Kapxhiu

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

RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Beer and Wine License

Date: September 6, 2017

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I have reviewed your email and find that the facts you have presented are consistent with prior opinions my office has given (see, e.g., CAO 2014-060), which allows issuance of a beer and wine license (2-COP) to your restaurant by the City as long as you are a bona fide restaurant with seating and do not serve alcohol from a counter or bar. You must obtain any necessary approvals or licenses from other government entities as well, such as the State of Florida. I am asking Assistant City Attorney Cristina Suarez to work with you and Sebrina to effectuate this opinion, which is issued pursuant to section 2-201(e)(1) and (8) of the City Code.

Please note, one clarification: the restaurant cannot serve alcohol from a counter or bar. An example of an opinion I find analogous is [CAO 2014-060](#),

<http://www.coralgables.com/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=15289>

**From:** [Leen, Craig](#)  
**To:** [Paulk, Enga](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Beer & wine license for my new pizza place  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 05, 2017 10:58:09 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
[image001.png](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Please publish.

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**From:** Leen, Craig  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 05, 2017 10:58 PM  
**To:** 'woodfireforno italiano pizza catering' <fornoitalianopizza@gmail.com>  
**Cc:** Suarez, Cristina <csuarez@coralgables.com>; Brown, Sebrina <sbrown@coralgables.com>; Chen, Brigitte <bchen@coralgables.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Beer & wine license for my new pizza place  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** woodfireforno italiano pizza catering [<mailto:fornoitalianopizza@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 28, 2017 8:59 AM  
**To:** Leen, Craig <[cleen@coralgables.com](mailto:cleen@coralgables.com)>  
**Subject:** Beer & wine license for my new pizza place

Good morning! I am writing you in behalf of my application for beer & wine license for my new pizza place in Coral Gables. I spoke to Sebrina Brown and she tollld me that I do not have the 29 seats in my place in order for hear to sign the application. In the project we only have 10 seats. She advised me to contact you. I don't know what to do.The project is approved as full concept restaurant. Below I am including the address of the restaurant. I hope I explained myself well my English is not good.

1403 Sunset Drive  
Miami Florida33143

Thank you,

Artan Kapxhiu

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