



To: Walter Foeman

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

RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Effective Date Of An Ordinance

Date: September 13, 2012

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## Osle, Zilma

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**From:** Leen, Craig  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2012 9:43 AM  
**To:** Foeman, Walter  
**Cc:** Birdsill, Cynthia; Thornton Richard, Bridgette; Osle, Zilma  
**Subject:** Opinion Re: Effective Date

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**From:** Foeman, Walter  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2012 9:29 AM  
**To:** Leen, Craig  
**Cc:** Birdsill, Cynthia  
**Subject:** FW: Attached Image

Craig, Cindy forwarded to me a request regarding the attached matter. Please issue a ruling regarding same. At the last City Commission meeting we have an Emergency Ordinance wherein there were two roll calls on a matter dispensing the requirement of two separate readings. You indicated to the City Commission there you would review the issue as to whether an ordinance can be passed effective immediately.

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**From:** clerk  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2012 9:31 AM  
**To:** Foeman, Walter  
**Subject:** Attached Image