



To: Michael Pounds

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

RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Chief Procurement Officer Has Authority To Dispose Of Trees

Date: August 12, 2014

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Parramore, Carol

From: Leen, Craig
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 10:00 AM
To: Parramore, Carol
Cc: Thornton, Bridgette; Figueroa, Yaneris
Subject: FW: Disposal of Surplus Trees

Importance: High

Please place in the opinion folder.

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From: Leen, Craig
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 9:59 AM
To: Pounds, Michael
Cc: Dannemiller, Brook; Katsaris, Pamela; Gomez, Diana
Subject: RE: Disposal of Surplus Trees
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From: Pounds, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 8:53 AM
To: Leen, Craig
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Subject: Disposal of Surplus Trees

Good Morning Craig:

As we discussed at our meeting, please advise as to whether the Chief Procurement Officer has the authority to dispose of trees no longer utilized in the City's tree program (valued at less than \$5,000) by donation to governmental and not-for-profit entities located in Coral Gables? These donations will be made with the stipulation that any trees donated will be planted on public property or areas where there is public accommodation.

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