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RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Renumbering of Code Provisions Following Adoption of Ordinance 2017-41

Date: December 6, 2017

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On November 14, 2017 the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables adopted Ordinance 2017-41, which adopted and enacted a new Code for the City of Coral Gables. Due to amendments, additions, and corrections of scrivener's errors in the Code many Code provisions were renumbered in the newly adopted and enacted Code.

All citations to previous code section numbers should be treated as relating to the existing code provision regardless of whether a new code section number has assigned. This principle is applicable to City Attorney Opinions, cease and desist letters, contract provisions, legal memoranda, resolutions, ordinances, interlocal agreements, memoranda of understanding, competitive solicitations, and any other similar legal document.

Specifically, the Code Enforcement Division of Development Services has issued numerous citations prior to the re-adoption of the City Code. All citations issued under the previous code sections remain valid and enforceable with the underlying violation treated in the same fashion, regardless of the change in code provision numbering. So long as the underlying violation and code provision remains in the newly adopted Code, Code Enforcement proceedings may continue to refer to previous Code sections without losing their validity.

This opinion is issued pursuant to section 2-252(e)(8) and (9) of the City Code.

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Enga, please format and publish attached opinion.

Thanks,

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