

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES**  
**OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

**- MEMORANDUM-**

<b>TO:</b>	<b>CITY COMMISSION</b>	<b>DATE:</b>	<b>July 10, 2008</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<u>Elizabeth M. Hernandez</u> City Attorney	<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING POLICY FOR THE USE OF THE CITY SEAL</b>

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The City Commission passed and adopted Resolution 2007-228, amending Resolution No. 2004-226, setting forth guidelines for use of the City Seal. Because the Seal is the City's emblem and identifies and represents the City of Coral Gables, the City is mindful of the need to use the Seal as it was intended, and to guard against its misuse and unauthorized use.

The attached ordinance has been drafted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Statute s. 165.043 which states as follows:

**165.043 Official county or municipal seal.**--The governing body of a county or municipality may, by ordinance, designate an official county or municipal seal. The manufacture, use, display, or other employment of any facsimile or reproduction of the county or municipal seal, except by county or municipal officials or employees in the performance of their official duties, without the express approval of the governing body is a second degree misdemeanor, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.  
**History.**--s. 1, ch. 91-59.

The attached draft ordinance for your consideration incorporates the guidelines contained in the resolutions previously adopted for the use of the City Seal, and enables the City to take appropriate action in the case of misuse or unauthorized use.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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