



To: Cynthia Birdsill

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "CL", is written over the name "Craig E. Leen".

RE: Legal Opinion Regarding City Collecting Fee For Event Serving Municipal Purpose

Date: October 5, 2012

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It is my opinion that would be fine, as long as the fee is reasonably related to the costs being incurred, and the event serves a municipal purpose.

Because the show is open to the public and showcases art galleries in Coral Gables, it is my view that it serves a municipal purpose and is in the public interest.

## Hernandez, Cristina

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**From:** Leen, Craig  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2012 4:57 PM  
**To:** Osle, Zilma; Hernandez, Cristina  
**Subject:** FW: Question

Please place in the opinion folder as well.

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**From:** Leen, Craig  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2012 4:57 PM  
**To:** Leen, Craig; Birdsill, Cynthia  
**Cc:** Cash, Michelle; Thornton Richard, Bridgette  
**Subject:** RE: Question

It was good talking to you. Because the show is open to the public and showcases art galleries in Coral Gables, it is my view that it serves a municipal purpose and is in the public interest.

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**From:** Birdsill, Cynthia  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2012 2:16 PM  
**To:** Leen, Craig  
**Cc:** Cash, Michelle  
**Subject:** FW: Question

Hi Craig, I hope this is a quick question. Do you see any issue with our collecting a submission fee of \$200 each for galleries that will participate in an art show? The money would go towards paying for a catered opening and for publishing brochures/postcards, and making signs for the art. We will be holding the event at the museum.

Thanks!

Cindy

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**From:** Birdsill, Cynthia  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2012 9:13 AM  
**To:** Gomez, Diana; Kleiman, Keith  
**Cc:** Cash, Michelle  
**Subject:** Question

We are working with the local galleries and the museum to set up an art show in February. Participating galleries will pay \$200 submission fee, and we plan to use that \$ towards publications and a catered event.

Is it okay to have their checks made out to the City? How should we set up accounts for this if so – could they just go into one of our existing accounts like the account for promotions?

Thanks.

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