



To: Walter Foeman

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

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RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Appeal: Code Enforcement Board

Date: March 21, 2012

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**From:** Leen, Craig  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2012 6:47 PM  
**To:** Osle, Zilma; Hernandez, Cristina  
**Cc:** Alfonsin, Lourdes  
**Subject:** FW: Appeal: Code Enforcement Board  
**Attachments:** City Code Section 101-169.pdf

Please place this in my opinion folder. Thanks.

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**From:** Leen, Craig  
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A copy of section 101-169 in its entirety is attached to this email for your convenience.

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**From:** Foeman, Walter  
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**To:** Leen, Craig

Cc: Alfonsin, Lourdes

Subject: Appeal: Code Enforcement Board

Request is hereby made to provide this office with an advisory opinion in connection with the herein below referenced issue:

- (1) Whether or not an applicant, namely Mr. Mike Freeman, who is desirous of appealing a decision from the Code Enforcement Board must follow the same provisions as more particularly outlined in Section 3-606 of the Zoning Code, when in fact there is no expressed provision referencing said Board; however, in Section 3-602 of the Zoning Code, under appeals it specifically references those affected boards who may appeal (see attached), and further provides for an Other Appointed Boards designation concerning those additional boards whose decisions may be appealed?

In closing your expeditious response to this request is appreciated.

**Sec. 101-169. - Appeal of ruling.**

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- (b) Nothing contained in this section shall prohibit the city from enforcing its codes by any other means. It is the legislative intent to provide an additional or supplemental means of obtaining compliance with local codes.

*(Code 1958, § 8B-9; Code 1991, § 2-69; Ord. No. 3610, § 1, 12-17-2002)*

*State law reference— Similar provisions, F.S. § 162.11.*