



To: Martha Salazar-Blanco

From: Bridgette Thornton Richard, Deputy City Attorney for the City of Coral Gables

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RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Accessory Uses

Date: May 23, 2013

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It is my legal conclusion that a wall or fence (of the type we discussed this morning) is not an Accessory Use. Article 5, Division 1 of the City's Zoning Code lists the structures and/or buildings that are considered accessory uses. See Article 5, Division 1, Sections 5-102 to 5-122 of the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code. Some of the structures and/or buildings categorized, in Sections 5-102 through 5-122, as accessory uses are: boathouses, cabanas, greenhouses, pools/spas, and guesthouses. Notably absent, however, from that list are walls and fences. Indeed, the provisions governing the type of wall at issue here are contained in a completely different Division separate from that for Accessory Uses. See Article 5, Division 24, Sections 5-2401 to 5-2404. Thus, as stated above, it is my opinion that the proposed wall in question is not an accessory use under the City's Zoning Code.

**Hernandez, Cristina**

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Thank you,  
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