



## ITEM SUMMARY

**MEETING DATE:** April 5, 2022  
**FROM:** Andrea McCue, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Use of the City Seal

### BACKGROUND

On May 21, 2018, the City Council approved Ordinance 2018-08, providing for designation of the City's Official Seal. Once the City designated its official seal, Section 165-043, Florida Statutes makes the unauthorized use of the official seal (i.e., the manufacture, use, display or other employment of any reproduction of the seal) a second-degree misdemeanor.

Subsequently, on May 21, 2018, the City Council also approved Resolution 2018-19, approving a City policy regarding the use of the City of Greenacres Official Seal.

Council Policy 31 attached outlines the purpose and policy related to the use of the City's Official Seal.

### ANALYSIS

There is currently no penalty outside of the penalty provided for in the Florida Statutes for unauthorized use of the City's seal. City staff could not find other municipalities that have documented penalties for unauthorized use of their city seals.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

No financial impact to the City.

### LEGAL

The City Attorney has reviewed this Item Summary and Council Policy 31 for legal sufficiency and compliance.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Should the Council wish to consider additional penalties for unauthorized use of the City's Seal, staff, in coordination with the City Attorney is prepared to draft language for the Council's consideration.