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Interoffice Memorandum

City Manager's Office

TO: Dave Persson, City Attorney

FROM: Edward F. Lavallee, City Manager

RE: Venice Public Library Facility

DATE: March 10, 2017

As part of the process of upgrading the Venice public library facility the County has determined to demolish the existing library building and design and build a new building on the site. The County operates the library under a 99 year lease with the City of Venice. Under separate cover, I am sending to you a copy of the current lease between the City and Sarasota County. Some questions have been raised about the provisions and/or limitations of the lease. Specifically, does the existing lease allow the County to demolish the current building for the purposes of building a new facility on the same site? As you know, currently, under a separate agreement between the City and County, the County is temporarily operating library services from another City-owned building while it prepares to demolish the current library structure and build a new library building on that same site.

The purpose of this memo is to ask for your guidance in interpreting the lease and to consider whether the process of having the current library facility demolished for purposes of building a new library on the same site is implicit in the lease agreement. Or, does the County need additional approval from the City for the demolition process. Finally, if additional approval for demolition is required, who would be authorized on behalf of the City to issue the demolition permit? Thank you