

CITY OF ST. CLOUD
CODE ENFORCEMENT MEETING
July 15, 2020

MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Special Magistrate Smith called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

At this time, Magistrate Smith introduced himself to the audience

- III. **PUBLIC HEARINGS -**

- A. **NEW CASES** -

- CASE #2020-445 Genevieve S. John, Owners**

- Location of Violation:** 1215 11th Street, St. Cloud Florida

- Violation:** St. Cloud Land Development Code, Sections 3.3.1 (F) & 13.3

- Description of Violation:** Failure to prohibit but rather allowed plumbing construction at this location prior to obtaining a permit.

At this time, all those intending to testify were sworn in by Magistrate Smith.

Code Enforcement Officer Melissa Howes presented the case in narrative form and provided an evidence packet and a PowerPoint presentation. At the conclusion of her presentation, she noted that the Contractor was present. Officer Howes recommended that the property be found in violation of failure to prohibit but rather allowed plumbing construction at this location prior to obtaining a permit. She recommend that the respondent pay the administrative cost in the amount of \$200.70 to be paid within seven days of the written order of the Special Magistrate.

Maria Orol stated she is not a contractor and that they license they have is for Handy Man Services the Property Management that handles the Respondent's property. Ms. Orol gave testimony and stated that they do not have an issue with Officer Melissa Howe's testimony. She requested for a reduction of the fine.

Magistrate Smith found in favor of the city. He found that there is a violation but it is now incompliance and that is not a fine accessed but rather administrative cost. He ordered the respondent to pay the city for administrative cost in the amount of \$200.70 to be paid within seven days of the Magistrate's written order.

- CASE #2020-491 Jason A Hausknecht, Owners**

- Location of Violation:** 300 Grape Avenue, St. Cloud Florida

- Violation:** St. Cloud Land Development Code, Sections 3.3.1 (F) & 13.3

Description of Violation: Failure to prohibit but rather allowed an above ground pool and deck to be installed at this location prior to obtaining a permit.

Code Enforcement Officer Alexandra Miller presented the case in narrative form and provided an evidence packet and a PowerPoint presentation. At the conclusion of her presentation, she noted that the Respondent was not present. Officer Miller recommended that the property be found in violation of failure to prohibit but rather allowed an above ground pool and deck to be installed at this location prior to obtaining a permit. She recommend that the Respondent be given until July 31, 2020 to obtain the proper permit or remove the above ground pool and deck, or pay a fine in the amount of \$100.00 a day until compliance is met. She further recommended that the respondent pay the administrative cost in the amount of \$215.55 to be paid within seven days of the written order of the Special Magistrate.

Magistrate Smith found in favor of the city. He found that there is a violation for installing the above ground pool and decks without permits and accept the City's recommendation of a compliance date of July 31, 2020 to come into compliance with the code either by obtaining proper permits or removing the above ground pool and deck. If not brought into compliance by that date a fine of \$100.00 per day shall run for each day that the property remains in noncompliance with his order. He ordered the respondent to pay the city for administrative cost in the amount of \$215.55 to be paid within seven days of the Magistrate's written order.

**CASE #2020-624 Elizabeth Anne Cortez Buffington, Owners
Jeffrey Scott Buffington**

Location of Violation: 825 Maryland Avenue, St. Cloud Florida

Violation: St. Cloud City Code, sections 24-52 (A)

Description of Violation: Failure to prohibit but rather allowed abandoned vehicles at this location.

Code Enforcement Officer Alexandra Miller presented the case in narrative form and provided an evidence packet and a PowerPoint presentation. At the conclusion of her presentation, she noted that the Respondent was not present. Officer Miller recommended that the property be found in violation of failure to prohibit but rather allowed an abandoned vehicle at this location. She recommend that the Respondent be given until July 31, 2020 to have the violation corrected by such time, or pay a fine in the amount of \$100.00 a day until compliance is met. She further recommended that the respondent pay the administrative cost in the amount of \$258.55 to be paid within seven days of the written order of the Special Magistrate.

Magistrate Smith found in favor of the city. He found that there is a violation for having abandoned vehicles at the property and accept the City's recommendation of a compliance date of July 31, 2020 to come into compliance with the code. If not brought into compliance by that date a fine of \$100.00 per day shall run for each day that the property remains in noncompliance with his order. He ordered the respondent to pay the

city for administrative cost in the amount of \$258.55 to be paid within seven days of the Magistrate's written order.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

V. NEW BUSINESS –

VI. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING – August 19, 2020

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Magistrate Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by _____
Claudia Klockars, Clerk to the Magistrate

Date _____