

SPECIAL MAGISTRATE MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
JUNE 8, 2022

THE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE HEARING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Special Magistrate Fuller at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: David Fuller, Special Magistrate

ALSO PRESENT: Dena Joseph, Code Compliance Inspector
Robert Kuhn, Code Compliance Inspector
Robin Fenwick, City Clerk

Attorney Overview of Special Magistrate Code Enforcement Process

Special Magistrate Fuller provided an overview of the code enforcement process as there were members of the public present.

Consideration of Minutes

Special Magistrate Fuller approved the May 11, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

Oaths

Code Compliance Inspectors Dena Joseph and Robert Kuhn were sworn in by Special Magistrate Fuller.

B. FORMAL HEARING (COMPLIANCE OR NON-COMPLIANCE)

3. CEB Case No.: 21-1756

Respondent: James V & Itala M Kloos

Address of Violation: 828 Sugar House Blvd., Port Orange, FL 32129

Code Officer: Scott Allman

First Notified: 10/20/2021

Compliance: Yes

Cited for violation(s) - Chapter 42 (Nuisances), Article II (Garbage , Junk and Undergrowth), Section 42-32 Storage of vehicles, furniture, etc. of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances.

Chapter 42, (Nuisances), Article II, (Garbage, Junk and Undergrowth), Section 42-26, (Cleanliness of Property Generally-duty of owner), (f) Garbage, waste, trash, etc. prohibited of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances.

Robert Kuhn, Code Compliance Inspector, was sworn in by Special Magistrate Fuller and requested a dismissal of the case as it is in compliance. Special Magistrate Fuller granted the dismissal request.

4. **CEB Case No.:** 21-1757

Respondent: James V & Itala M Kloos

Address of Violation: 830 Sugar House Blvd., Port Orange, FL 32129

Code Officer: Scott Allman

First Notified: 10/20/2021

Compliance: Yes

Cited for violation(s) - Chapter 42 (Nuisances), Article II (Garbage , Junk and Undergrowth), Section 42-32 Storage of vehicles, furniture, etc. of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances.

Chapter 42, (Nuisances), Article II, (Garbage, Junk and Undergrowth), Section 42-26, (Cleanliness of Property Generally-duty of owner), (f) Garbage, waste, trash, etc. prohibited of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Kuhn requested a dismissal of the case as it is in compliance. Special Magistrate Fuller granted the dismissal request.

5. **CEB Case No.:** 21-1828

Respondent: Thomas Christopher Hood

James Thomas Hood

Alexandra Jae Hood

Address of Violation: 525 Lafayette Street, Port Orange, FL 32127

Code Officer: Scott Allman

First Notified: 10/27/2021

Compliance: Yes

Cited for violation(s) - Chapter 42 (Nuisances), Article II (Garbage , Junk and Undergrowth), Section 42-32 Storage of vehicles, furniture, etc. of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances.

Chapter 42, (Nuisances), Article II, (Garbage, Junk and Undergrowth), Section 42-26, (Cleanliness of Property Generally-duty of owner), (f) Garbage, waste, trash, etc. prohibited of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances.

Chapter 70 (Traffic), Article II (Stopping, Standing, and Parking), Section 70-49 (Restrictions on abandoned or disabled vehicles), (c) Restrictions, (1) (a), (b) and (2) of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Kuhn requested a dismissal of the case as it is in compliance. Special Magistrate Fuller granted the dismissal request.

6. **CEB Case No.:** 22-0489

Respondent: Geraldine Jones Life Estate

Address of Violation: 1237 Edna Drive, Port Orange, FL 32129

Code Officer: Robert Kuhn

First Notified: 4/25/2022

Compliance: No

Cited for violation(s) - Chapter 42, (Nuisances), Article II (Garbage, Junk and Undergrowth), Section 42-26 (Cleanliness of property generally - duty of owner), (d) (Maintenance of improved residential lots) of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances.

Chapter 42, (Nuisances), Article II, (Garbage, Junk and Undergrowth), Section 42-26, (Cleanliness of Property Generally-duty of owner), (f) Garbage, waste, trash, etc. prohibited of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances.

Chapter 42 (Nuisances), Article II (Garbage, Junk and Undergrowth), Section 42-32 Storage of vehicles, furniture, etc. of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Kuhn testified as to the condition of the property, as well as the notice provided to the property owner. Photos were submitted into evidence and accepted by Special Magistrate Fuller with no objections. The violation was to be corrected by May 16, 2022 by mowing the entire property, removing all weeds and undergrowth and having all debris blown back onto the property, and storing all outside items in an enclosed building or be removed from the property.

Mr. Kuhn recommended the property owners be found in violation of the above referenced codes with the violations to be corrected by June 23, 2022 by calling in for a final inspection and complying with the provisions as set forth during that final inspection. In the event the property is not brought into compliance on or before the compliance date, and/or not maintained in a state of compliance, notice of the violation will be given to the City Council. The City Council may repair the condition and charge the Respondent(s) with reasonable costs of the repairs/abatement. Accused should be further ordered to contact the Code Enforcement Officer to arrange for a re-inspection of the property to verify compliance with the order. Mr. Kuhn requested any future violations under this ordinance be considered repeat. The cost sheet in the amount of \$44.72 was tendered into evidence and accepted by Special Magistrate Fuller with no objections.

Special Magistrate Fuller granted the recommendation as presented. The property owner has until June 23, 2022. Any future violations under this ordinance shall be considered repeat violations. Costs in the amount of \$44.72 were awarded to the City.

7. CEB Case No.: 22-0481

Respondent: Adekunle Adelani

Address of Violation: 4682 Spruce Creek Road, Port Orange, FL 32127

Code Officer: Dena Joseph

First Notified: 4/26/2022

Compliance: Yes

Cited for violation(s) - Chapter 42, (Nuisances), Article II (Garbage, Junk and Undergrowth), Section 42-26 (Cleanliness of property generally - duty of owner), (d) (Maintenance of improved residential lots) of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances.

Chapter 42, (Nuisances), Article II (Garbage, junk and undergrowth), Section 42-26 (Cleanliness of property generally-duty of owner), (h) Abutting property owner maintenance of parkages.

Chapter 42, (Nuisances), Article II, (Garbage, Junk and Undergrowth), Section 42-26, (Cleanliness of Property Generally-duty of owner), (f) Garbage, waste, trash, etc. prohibited of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances.

Ms. Joseph requested a dismissal of the case as it is in compliance. Special Magistrate Fuller granted the dismissal request.

C. ORDER IMPOSING FINE/LIEN

8. **CEB Case No.:** 22-0345

Respondent: Allan R. Thompson

Address of Violation: 5827 Ridgewood Avenue, Port Orange, FL 32127

Code Officer: Dena Joseph

First Notified: 4/5/2022

Compliance: No

Cited for violation(s) - Chapter 42 (Nuisances), Article II (Garbage , Junk and Undergrowth), Section 42-32 Storage of vehicles, furniture, etc. of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances.

Chapter 42, (Nuisances), Article II, (Garbage, Junk and Undergrowth), Section 42-26, (Cleanliness of Property Generally-duty of owner), (f) Garbage, waste, trash, etc. prohibited of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances.

Ms. Joseph requested an Order Setting Fine/Lien as the property was not in compliance immediately as ordered in the previous hearing on April 27, 2022 by the Special Magistrate; however, after an inspection on May 26, 2022 showed the property in compliance. She requested a daily fine beginning April 5, 2022 in the amount of \$700.00 per day running through and including May 25, 2022 for a total of 51 days and a total fine of \$35,700 as ordered in the Finding of Fact, Conclusion of Law & Order. A cost sheet for mailing and recording costs in the amount of \$90.72 was tendered and submitted into evidence without objection. Ms. Joseph requested a lien be placed against the property in the amount of \$35,790.72.

Allan R. Thompson, property owner, was sworn in by Special Magistrate Fuller and testified as to the condition of the property, specifically the carport.

Tobin Thompson, property owner's son, was sworn in by Special Magistrate Fuller and testified as to the situation his father is in. He plans to move his father in with him within a few weeks and potentially sell the property. He asked for a reduced fine.

Special Magistrate Fuller found the property in non-compliance and awarded a daily fine in the amount of \$700.00 from April 5, 2022 through and including May 25, 2022 for a total fine in the

amount of \$35,700 plus mailing and recording costs to date of \$90.72. A lien is imposed on the subject property in the amount of \$35,790.72.

9. **CEB Case No.:** 21-1012

Respondent: J. Plummer Sherbino

J. Plummer Sherbino Rev. Living Trust

Address of Violation: 115 Fleming Avenue, Port Orange, FL 32127

Code Officer: Dena Joseph

First Notified: 5/26/2021

Compliance: No

Cited for violation(s) - 2020 Florida Building Code, 7th Edition, Section 105 (Permits), Section 105.1 (Required) as adopted per Chapter 8, Article I of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances: Failure to Obtain a Building Permit.

Ms. Joseph requested a continuation of the case until June 22, 2022. Special Magistrate Fuller granted the continuation request.

10. **CEB Case No.:** 22-0425

Respondent: RE Equity Investment Group LLC- TIC

Address of Violation: 5080 Ridgewood Avenue, Port Orange, FL 32127

Code Officer: Dena Joseph

First Notified: 4/21/2022

Compliance: No

Cited for violation(s) - Chapter 1 Scope and Administration, Section 111 Unsafe Structures and Equipment of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code as adopted per Chapter 14, Article II of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances 111.1 Unsafe conditions.

Chapter 1 Scope and Administration, Section 111 Unsafe Structures and Equipment of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code as adopted per Chapter 14, Article II of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances 111.2 Unsafe equipment.

Chapter 1 Scope and Administration, Section 111 Unsafe Structures and Equipment of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code as adopted per Chapter 14, Article II of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances 111.1.3 Structure unfit for human occupancy.

Chapter 1 Scope and Administration, Section 111 Unsafe Structures and Equipment of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code as adopted per Chapter 14, Article II of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances 111.1.5 Dangerous structure or premises (1) (3) (5) (6) (8) (9) (10).

Chapter 3 General requirements, section 304 Exterior Structures of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code as adopted per Chapter 14, Article II of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances 304.1.1 Unsafe conditions.

Chapter 3 General requirements, section 304 Exterior Structures of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code as adopted per Chapter 14, Article II of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances 304.7 Roofs and drainage.

Chapter 6 Mechanical and Electrical Requirements, Section 601 General of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code as adopted per Chapter 14, Article II of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances 601.2 Responsibility.

Chapter 6 Mechanical and Electrical Requirements, Section 604 General of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code as adopted per Chapter 14, Article II of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances 604.3 Electrical system hazards.

Chapter 6 Mechanical and Electrical Requirements, Section 605 General of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code as adopted per Chapter 14, Article II of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances 605.1 Installation.

Chapter 6 Mechanical and Electrical Requirements, Section 605 General of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code as adopted per Chapter 14, Article II of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances 605.4 Wiring.

Chapter 7 Fire Safety Requirements, Section 703 Fire Resistant Ratings of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code as adopted per Chapter 14, Article II of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances 703.2 Unsafe Conditions.

2017 National Electrical Code NEC 110.26

City of Port Orange Land Development Code Chapter 8 Building and Fire Codes, Article 1 Reference Codes, Section 2 Fire Codes (b)

The City has acted and/or has authority to act under the following emergency measures and any interference with the City is a violation:

Chapter 1 Scope and Administration, Section 111 Unsafe Structures and Equipment of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code as adopted per Chapter 14, Article II of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances 111.2.1 Authority to disconnect service utilities.

Chapter 1 Scope and Administration, Section 112 Emergency Measures of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code as adopted per Chapter 14, Article II of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances 112.1 Imminent danger.

Chapter 1 Scope and Administration, Section 112 Emergency Measures of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code as adopted per Chapter 14, Article II of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances 112.2 Temporary safeguards.

Chapter 1 Scope and Administration, Section 112 Emergency Measures of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code as adopted per Chapter 14, Article II of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances 112.14 Emergency repairs.

Chapter 1 Scope and Administration, Section 112 Emergency Measures of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code as adopted per Chapter 14, Article II of the City of Port Orange Code of Ordinances 112.6 Hearing.

Ms. Joseph requested a continuation of the case until June 22, 2022. Special Magistrate Fuller granted the continuation request.

D. ADJOURNMENT – 9:27 a.m.



Special Magistrate Fuller