

**MINUTES  
CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING**

City Hall, 516 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Palmetto, FL 34221

**Special Magistrate: Regina Kardash, Esq.  
August 25, 2020  
6:00 p.m.**

**There is no audio available for this meeting.**

Special Magistrate Regina Kardash called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. She explained that the Code Enforcement Hearing was a quasi-judicial proceeding in which she would be making the legal decisions and findings of fact based on relevant evidence presented during the hearing in accordance to the City Code of Ordinances. All people wishing to speak during the Hearing were duly sworn.

**1. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

No changes were made to the agenda.

**2. APPROVE MINUTES**

Magistrate Kardash approved the July 28, 2020 Minutes as written.

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. Compliance Cases**

Magistrate Kardash determined the following case had come into compliance.

B) Case No. 20-10 – 2015 7<sup>th</sup> Street West

**B. Case No. 20-10**

Freda E. Logan  
Fred Logan  
2015 7<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Palmetto, FL 34221

Violation Location: 2015 7<sup>th</sup> Street West, Palmetto, FL 34221

Codes Violated: Article VI, Section 6.8 (1)- Accessory structures- only one allowed per lot; Chapter 16, Section 16.26(2) – Accumulation of Garbage; Section 16.26(3) – Overgrown property; Appendix B,3.2 – Open Storage Defined; Appendix B,6.6(b) – Screening of Open Storage

**SETTLEMENT: The Respondent has brought the property into compliance and no further action is needed.**

**C. Case No. 20-11**

Travis Lee Longpre  
Jessica Jean Longpre  
1210 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue West  
Palmetto, FL 34221

Violation Location: 1210 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Palmetto, FL 34221  
Codes Violated: Chapter 7, Section 7-182- No fence or wall shall be erected until a permit is obtained from the building inspector

Magistrate Kardash disclosed that this case was inadvertently discussed briefly before the start of the Code Hearing July 28, 2020, assuming the issue was resolved because it was not on the agenda. Ms. Kardash stated she will consider all the evidence presented today and rule on the case without prejudice.

Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Williams reviewed details and photos pertaining to the case. Evidence was presented to the Magistrate for her consideration and made a part of these minutes. The original site visit March 9, 2020 revealed the back and one side of a wooden fence had been replaced. The Notice of Opportunity was mailed on March 9, 2020 allowing 10 days for the Respondent to get a permit from the Building Department. The Notice of Violation was mailed July 21<sup>st</sup> allowing 14 days to come into compliance. As of today, the Building Department has no permit on file.

Code Officer Williams stated that Building Official, David Wilcox requested Mr. Longpre get a building permit. Development Services Director, Karla Owens also requested Mr. Longpre get a building permit.

Mr. Travis Longpre spoke, saying he had a permit dated 2009 when the fence was first erected. He was here tonight wanting to know the definition of *the erection of a fence*. Mr. Longpre said on July 30, 2020, he had spoken with David Wilcox twice. He insisted Mr. Wilcox went out to the property and said the fence was good.

Code Officer Williams emphasized the Respondent had erected new fence all the way down the side and all the way across the back, not just repairing a few panels.

The case will be continued until September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and Magistrate Kardash is requesting a written opinion from the Building Official, citing whatever he determines will determine her ruling.

**STIPULATION: Magistrate Kardash continued the case until September 29, 2020 and requested a written opinion from the Building Official, Mr. Wilcox. His determination about the fence will determine her ruling.**

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

None

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

The next Code Enforcement Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2020.

Magistrate Kardash adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Minutes approved: September 29, 2020

*Regina A. Kardash*

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Regina A. Kardash, Magistrate