



**CITY OF BROOKSVILLE CODE ENFORCEMENT
201 HOWELL AVENUE
BROOKSVILLE, FL 34601
SPECIAL MAGISTRATE HEARING MINUTES
Kenneth Warnstadt, Esquire, Special Magistrate**

Date: 01/25/2022

Time: 10:00 AM

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. CODE ENFORCEMENT CASES

CASES

1. Case# 2021-00029 - 512 S Main Street – High grass, junk, trash; dilapidated house.
2. Case# 2021-00051 - 528 Sharon St – High grass, junk, trash and debris.
3. Case# 2021-00188 - 19410 (unit 19490) Cortez Blvd – Standard Unsafe Building Abatement Code.
4. Case # 2021-00261 - 1160 Ponce De Leon – Work without permits.

The hearing was called to order by the Special Magistrate at 10:03 am. The Magistrate opened the hearing with an overview of how the proceedings will be conducted and swore in all those present that wanted to testify on behalf of their case.

The cases were called in the following order:

Case # 1 – Case# 2021-00029 512 S Main Street was called. Code Enforcement Officer Richard Smith stated this property is in compliance and no administrative fines are due. The house is demolished, junk, trash, debris was cleared and grass was cut.

Magistrate Ruling: Administratively Close.

Case # 2 – Case# 2021-00051 528 Sharon Street was called. Per Officer Smith, the owner has cleaned up the junk, trash and debris on the property before the December 16, 2021 deadline. The City of Brooksville will be abating the violations by removing all junk, trash, debris and tires from the property. The City of Brooksville has contracted removal of the tires with Braden Property Management Company. A lien on the property will be placed after the final bill for the tire removal is submitted to the City. Furthermore, no administrative fines are due.

Magistrate Ruling: Administratively Close.

Case # 3 – Case# 2021-00188 19410 (unit 19490) Cortez Boulevard was called. Per Officer Smith, this property is in compliance and no administrative fines are due.

Magistrate Ruling: Administratively Close.

Case # 4 – Case #2021-00261 1160 Ponce De Leon Boulevard was called. Mr. Paul Marotte was present as the owner of the property and K3 Electrical Technologies, Inc. Mr. Marotte was cited on October 29, 2021 for working without permits. Officer Smith stated Fire Inspector Troche notified Code Enforcement there was electrical work done on the property without the proper permits. As of today, no permits were obtained.

Officer Smith called upon Fire Inspector Nicole Troche from Brooksville Fire Department. Inspector Troche stated upon the annual fire inspection done on October 21, 2021 noticed a new room was added to

the back bays with a new electrical panel and the existing electrical panels were being upgraded. Inspector Troche asked the employee if there were any permits pulled for the work. The employee wasn't sure and would ask the owner Paul Marotte. Inspector Troche informed the City of Brooksville (COB) Building Official, Inspector and the Code Enforcement Officer to research if permits were pulled, they were not.

Officer Smith called upon the COB Building Inspector Ronald Heugel. Inspector Heugel stated on October 29, 2021 received a call from Inspector Troche asking to research permitting files for 1160 Ponce De Leon Boulevard, no permits were pulled on this address. Inspector Heugel went to the business to discuss with owner. Mr. Marotte refused the Inspector to enter the building nor speak with him. The Building Official continued the conversation with the owner.

Officer Smith called upon the COB Building Official Robert Huard. Official Huard is a certified Building Official with the City of Brooksville for 8 months and was an Official with Citrus County over 25 years. Official Huard stated he was referred by Fire Inspector Troche. Upon inspection, noticed the 3 electrical panels had rough wiring. Official Huard informed the owner he needs to obtain permits for all electrical work on the property.

Mr. Marotte stated to the Magistrate he did not obtain permits because he wanted to get clarification on which permits were needed at the Magistrate Hearing.

The Magistrate stated to Mr. Marotte he needs to work with the COB Building Division to obtain the proper permits.

Mr. Marotte stated he will obtain the proper permits and will be in full compliance before the next hearing on February 22, 2022.

Magistrate Ruling: Continue for 30 days to return on February 22, 2022, the proper permits need to be obtained and any fees will be assessed at the next hearing.

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further cases to be adjudicated, the Magistrate adjourned the hearing at 10:52 am.