

CASE NO. NOH - 10-3446

CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING
REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF FINE

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Code Compliance Division

IF THE PROPERTY IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE, THE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE WILL NOT CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR REDUCTION.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please fill in all of the pages of this form completely. Be specific when writing your statement. Please return it to the Clerk of the Special Magistrate at 12300 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington, FL 33414. **The Clerk must receive the request at least 30 days prior to a scheduled Code Enforcement hearing in order for your case to be scheduled for the hearing.** You will be notified in writing of the Special Magistrate's decision within 10 days after the hearing. If you are claiming medical or financial hardship, attach supporting documentation (i.e. a doctor's statement or proof of income). If you have any questions, please call the Clerk of the Special Magistrate at (561) 753-2565. **The Special Magistrate will consider requests for reduction of fine only one time for each case. The Special Magistrate's decision shall be the final action on the case.**

Property Owner's Name John K. Ramey / Stacie I. Ramey

Property Owner's Email stacieramey@gmail.com

Property Address 13984 Columbine Ave Wellington, FL

Daytime telephone number 561 512-3551

Hardship claimed? ☒ medical ☒ financial ☐ other (specify) _____

If the property owner is unable to complete this form, list the name of the person who is authorized to act for the property owner and their relationship. Attach a notarized affidavit from the property owner authorizing the representation.

Name _____ Relationship _____

YOU SHOULD BE PRESENT AT THE HEARING TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE MAY HAVE CONCERNING THIS REQUEST. YOUR ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE WILL BE IN RESPONSE TO THEIR QUESTIONS. IT IS IN YOUR BEST INTEREST TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THIS FORM AND ANY ATTACHMENTS COMPLETELY SET FORTH YOUR POSITION.

Complete statements on pages 2-4. You should include the reasons why you did not comply with the Special Magistrate's Original Order within the time specified.

1. Explain how you have attempted to cooperate with Wellington personnel to achieve compliance of the Special Magistrate's Order.

John has been in contact with the Village to discuss the remediation and to request help. We also believed that the code infractions had been settled. Obviously this was our fault.

2. Did you or your representative appear at the Special Magistrate's previous hearing(s) concerning this matter? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If no, please state the specific reasons why you did not appear at the hearing(s) and whether you notified Wellington personnel of the fact that you would not be present.

We were overwhelmed with medical issues - both of us had 2 major surgeries during that time and we each lost both of our parents. Suffice it to say, we were drowning.

3. Have you ever been (previous to this case) found by the Special Magistrate/Code Enforcement Board to be in violation of the Code, which is the subject matter of the present case?

☐ YES ☒ NO If yes, please advise what your response to the previous violation was.

4. Do you claim a homestead exemption on the property that is the subject of this case?

☒ YES ☐ NO

5. Were you the owner of the property at the time the Code Enforcement case against the property began? YES ☒ NO ☐ If no, did you become aware of the Code Enforcement proceedings, Order, or Lien prior to recording title to the property?

6. What other liens exist against the property which is the subject matter of this Special Magistrate's case? NO

7. Has the property been abandoned? YES ☐ NO ☒

8. Is the property in need of rehabilitation? YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, explain.

We are, however, working on the exterior - new garage door to be ordered and cleaning / painting areas in need

9. Is Wellington's lien interfering with the sale or rehabilitation of the property or will the lien prevent the property from being conveyed to a new owner? YES ☐ NO ☒

10. Provide your suggestion for an amount you would like the fine/lien reduced to

\$ 500.

In a statement below, please provide your justification for requesting the fine/lien reduction.

I, Stacie Ramey, do hereby submit this petition in request for a reduction in the fine imposed and in support offer the following statement:

(see attached)

Date:

Sept 4, 2020

Signed:

Stacie Ramey

Printed Name:

Stacie Ramey

STATE OF
COUNTY OF

FL

Palm Beach

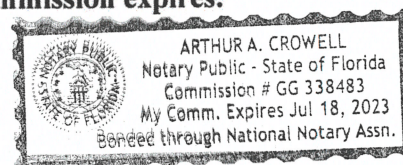
SWORN TO (OR AFFIRMED) and subscribed before me this 4 day of Sept, 2020 by Stacie Ramey who is/is not personally known to me OR who has produced identification US Passport (type).

Date 9-4-20

Arthur A. Crowell
Notary Public

Arthur A. Crowell
Printed Signature

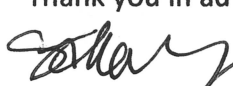
My commission expires:



Ramey Village of Wellington Code Enforcement

Statement:

In 2011 my husband's employer eliminated an entire department and he was laid off. This was the beginning of our financial hardships. While John attempted to get employment, the housing market crashed and as a civil engineer he could not find work. I switched to full time and picked up private clients (I am a speech language pathologist) but it did not even come close to replacing our lost income. Also at this time my husband became medically disabled. He was unable to walk and we could not afford therapy to improve his condition. At the same time my mother was diagnosed with glioblastoma and John had to help with her care since I was working full time. He did this, to his own physical detriment. We lost Mom in 2011. It was a very hard time, but even when John could barely walk (and could only do so with crutches and in a lot of pain), we tried the best we could to do what was needed for our family and the exterior of the house deteriorated, plant overgrowth happened, and we felt desperate. From the time between 2011 and 2020 John had two surgeries, and our parents each passed away. We did not want to move our children from Wellington, since this was their home. John started collecting disability payments which were a fraction of what we had earned previously and I kept working as many jobs as I could. In 2018 John, after years of strengthening and as a result of hip surgeries, decided he no longer wanted to receive Social Security benefits. He found a minimum wage job that paid less but gave him the feeling of productivity. We went through all of our 401K money in order to send our kids to college. We were almost foreclosed on twice. We filed for bankruptcy. Then had to dismiss that case. In January of 2020, John landed a job as an engineer and since then we have been trying to restore the family savings while doing the needed repairs on our home. It would devastate us to have to pay such a large fine in order to keep the house we've worked so hard for. Please consider reducing our fines substantially. Thank you in advance for your time.



Stacie I. Ramey