



CASE NO. NOH - 15-750

CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING

REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF FINE

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 Paula and Barry Bernstein

Property Owner's Email nurse paula @ bell.south.net

Property Address 2635 Yarmouth Dr, Wellington, FL 33474

Daytime telephone number 561-386-4434 561-386-4049

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.

as soon as I was made aware of the outstanding permits I made arrangements and had them closed. I found out about them via lien-title search trying to sell the house.

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.

I was not aware of a hearing. I don't believe I received notification of a hearing.

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? *none*

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

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

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

\$ 0.

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

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

Dear Magistrate, I have been a homeowner in Wellington for 32 years. I'm a nurse in the community and raised my children here. I honestly had no idea these fines were accumulating or that there were open permits on the house. Had I known I would have addressed them as I did when I found out. The house has been a rental for 6 years and I didn't receive notifications. I plead that you have consideration in this matter.

Date: 3-31-21

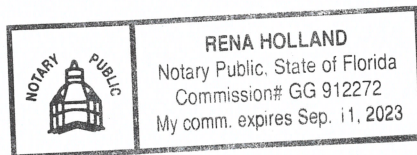
Signed: Barry Bernstein

Printed Name: BARRY BERNSTEIN

STATE OF Florida

COUNTY OF Palm Beach

The foregoing instrument was sworn to (affirmed), subscribed, and acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 31 day of March, 2021 (year), by Barry Bernstein (name of person making statement), who is personally known to me or has produced Fl. Driver License (type of identification) as identification.



Rena Holland
Notary Public

Rena Holland
Printed Signature

My commission expires: Sept 11, 2023