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CASE NO. NOH - 14-2046 19-1369

CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING

REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF FINE

RECEIVED
JUL 21 2021
Village of Wellington
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 W. 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 Scott Epstein

Property Owner's Email scottepstein@comcast.net

Property Address 1141 Goldenrod Road

Daytime telephone number 772/321-7624

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. _____

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. *On the four violations cited, I was in compliance with all the different sections within the time given me to correct. There were two provisions that I was late on, and when told by Village inspectors I corrected them.*
2. Did you or your representative appear at the Special Magistrate's previous hearing(s) concerning this matter? If not, 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 did not appear at the hearings because I complied with the citation and fixed everything I thought needed to be taken care of. Had I known of the mistake, I would have attended the 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? If so, please advise what your response to the previous violation was. *No, I have always taken pains to comply with any violation I was informed of, and correct things immediately.*
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 not, 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? *No*

8. Is the property in need of rehabilitation? If yes, explain. No.

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. The property is currently for sale, I anticipate having it sold by the end of 2021

10. Provide your suggestion for an amount you would like the fine/lien reduced to \$3,500.00. In the statement below, please provide your justification for requesting the fine/lien reduction.

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

As stated before, I complied with the order in all the violations. I fixed the problems and they were cleared. Part of the violation apparently was not fixed according to village standards, and therefore it was not cleared.

This is a glitch of communications and when I was informed of what the village wanted, I complied.

As of July 21, I am selling this building to settle my financial obligations with my former wife. My offer is based

on what I will be able to afford to pay the
willage once the property is sold. It
has been for sale for six days and I
have one offer so far. So time is of
the essence in this matter.

Thank You

Date: July 21, 2021

Signed: Scott Epstein

Printed Name: Scott Epstein

STATE OF Florida
COUNTY OF Palm Beach

SWORN TO (OR AFFIRMED) and subscribed before me this 21st day of July, 20 21 by
Scott B. Epstein who is/is not personally known to me OR who has produced
identification FLDL# E-123-782-62-139-0 (type).

Date 7-21-21

Lori L Hunter

Notary Public

Lori L. Hunter

Printed Signature

My commission expires:

