

**CITY OF CLERMONT
MINUTES
CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Code Enforcement Board was called to order on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. Members attending were acting Chairman Alfred Mannella, along with Board members Ken Forte, Larry Seidler, Bill Rini, and Harvey Rosenberg. Also attending were Development Services Director Barbara Hollerand, Evie Wallace, Code Enforcement Supervisor, Lori Crain, Code Enforcement Officer, Valerie Fuchs, Code Enforcement Attorney, Dan Mantzaris, City Attorney, and Rae Chidlow, Planning Specialist.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes from the Code Enforcement Board meeting of July 21, 2015 and August 18, 2015 were approved as written.

Acting Chairman Mannella read the Opening Remarks.

Code Enforcement Supervisor Wallace and Code Enforcement Officer Crain, along with any of the public who may testify, were sworn in.

Acting Chairman Mannella gave the floor to Code Enforcement Staff and City Attorney.

City Attorney Dan Mantzaris stated that Case No. 2015-000294 complied and will not be heard. He stated that Case No. 2015-000097 will be continued to the October 20, 2015 Code Enforcement meeting.

Board member Rosenberg made a motion to continue case no. 2015-000097 to the October 20, 2015 Code Enforcement meeting; seconded by Board member Forte. The vote was unanimous to continue the case.

CASE NO. 2015-000076

S.W. Williams Family, LLC
901 12th St.
Clermont, FL 34711

LOCATION OF VIOLATION: 901 12th St., Clermont, FL 34711

REQUEST: Reduction of fines

City Attorney Mantzaris introduced the case.

The Respondent was present and was sworn in.

David Williams, 454 Pine Brook Blvd., Ocoee, stated that he is requesting a reduction of the fine.

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Board member Forte made a motion to reduce the fine of \$4,000 to \$1,000. Motion dies due to lack of a second.

Board member Rosenberg said this was commercial property and the Respondent would make a profit from the sale of the property, so he suggested to increase the amount of the fine recommended by city staff.

Board member Rosenberg made a motion to reduce the fine of \$4,000 to \$2,000 to be paid within 30 days; seconded by Board member Rini. The vote was unanimous to reduce the fine.

CASE NO. 2015-000177

Fulvan at Clermont, LLC
741 SR 50
Clermont, FL 34711

LOCATION OF VIOLATION: 741 SR 50, Clermont, FL 34711

REQUEST: Reduction of fines

City Attorney Mantzaris introduced the case.

The Respondent was present and was sworn in.

Jeff Brown, 8025 Grovemont Estates Rd., Groveland read a letter sent from the property owner.

Board member Rosenberg made a motion to reduce the fine of \$2,000 to \$1,000 to be paid within 30 days. Motion fails due to lack of a second.

No further action was taken on this case.

CASE NO. 2015-000342

Martin Wright Estate
775 E. Juniata St.
Clermont, FL 34711

LOCATION OF VIOLATION: 775 E. Juniata St., Clermont, FL 34711

VIOLATION: Chapter 14, Section 302.4 Weeds

The Respondent was present and was sworn in.

Code Enforcement Officer Crain, who was sworn in, exhibited pictures that are a true and accurate depiction of the condition of the property on the date taken and read the violation, dates, and staff recommendation for the record.

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Martin Wright Jr., 1390 Buckingham Dr., Hampton, GA., stated that there is no title to the property. He stated that his name does appear on the tax certificate, so he receives letters from code enforcement. He stated that he has been taking care of the property to get it into compliance. He stated that even though he does not legally own the property, they do not want to lose the property because it was his father's. He stated that his mother passed away and he had to go the New Jersey, so he did not get the letter right away stating he was not in compliance. He stated that if it was his property, he would not have any code violations. He stated that the past code enforcement officer would call him and allow him time to come into compliance. He stated that he can't get ownership of the property at this time, however, he does bring the property into compliance every time he receives a letter.

City Attorney Dan Mantzaris stated that the fines for all cases have accrued to \$12,950 for this property.

Board member Rosenberg made a motion to find the Respondent in repeat violation with a fine of \$6500 to be paid within 30 days, seconded by Board member Seidler. The vote was unanimous.

CASE NO. 2015-000187 & 2015-000256

Martin Wright Estate
775 E. Juniata St.
Clermont, FL 34711

LOCATION OF VIOLATION: 775 E. Juniata St., Clermont, FL 34711

REQUEST: Reduction/Waiver of fines

City Attorney Dan Mantzaris stated that the fines for all cases are now \$19,450 for this property.

Board member Rosenberg made a motion to not reduce the fine at this time; seconded by Board member Seidler. The vote was 4-1 with Board member Rini opposing.

CASE NO. 2014-010058

Lindenhurst Realty Group, Inc.
998 E. Highway 50
Clermont, FL 34711

LOCATION OF VIOLATION: 998 E. Highway 50, Clermont, FL 34711

REQUEST: Reduction/Waiver of fines

The Respondent was not present.

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Board member Rosenberg made a motion to reduce the fine to \$750; seconded by Board member Forte. The vote was unanimous in favor of reducing the fine.

CASE NO. 2015-000188

Patricia L. Hobensack Estate
197 Pitt St.
Clermont, FL 34711

LOCATION OF VIOLATION: 197 Pitt St., Clermont, FL 34711

VIOLATION: Chapter 14, Section 704.1, 704.2, 305, 304.14, 403.2, 504.1, 504.3, 502.1, 108.1.3, 108.1.2, 108.1.5, 304.13.2, 305.3, 604.3, 605.2; Chapter 122, Section 122-344.

City Attorney Mantzaris introduced the case.

The Respondent was not present.

Code Enforcement Officer Crain, who was sworn in, exhibited pictures that are a true and accurate depiction of the condition of the property on the date taken and read the violation, dates, and staff recommendation for the record.

Board member Rosenberg made a motion to find the Respondent in violation with a fine of \$100 per day for every day past October 31, 2015; seconded by Board member Seidler. The vote was unanimous in favor of finding violation and amount of fine.

CASE NO. 2014-010044

Michelle & Grady Taylor
970 W. Juniata St.
Clermont, FL 34711

LOCATION OF VIOLATION: 970 W. Juniata St., Clermont, FL 34711

VIOLATION: Chapter 14, Section 605.1, 605.2, 704.1, 704.2, 304.14, 309.1, 309.2; Chapter 10, Section 10-46; Chapter 34, Section 34-134, 34-139; 34-61, 34-62

City Attorney Mantzaris introduced the case.

The Respondent was not present.

Code Enforcement Crain, who was sworn in, exhibited pictures that are a true and accurate depiction of the condition of the property on the date taken and read the violation, dates, and staff recommendation for the record.

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Board member Rini made a motion to find the Respondent in violation with a fine of \$250 per day for every day past September 20, 2015; seconded by Board member Rosenberg. The vote was unanimous in favor of finding violation and amount of fine.

CASE NO. 2015-000279

Douglas & Debra Lay
157 Sutter Dr.
Clermont, FL 34711

LOCATION OF VIOLATION: 157 Sutter Dr., Clermont, FL 34711

VIOLATION: Chapter 34, Section 34-61, 34-62; Chapter 14, Section 302.4

City Attorney Mantzaris introduced the case.

The Respondent was not present.

Code Enforcement Officer Crain, who was sworn in, exhibited pictures that are a true and accurate depiction of the condition of the property on the date taken and read the violation, dates, and staff recommendation for the record.

Board member Forte made a motion to find Respondent in violation with no fine assessed. Second failed due to lack of second.

Board member Rosenberg made a motion to find Respondent in violation with no fine assessed at this time; seconded by Board member Forte. The vote was unanimous in favor of the violation.

CASE NO. 2015-000283

Lisa Castiglioni
2715 Valiant Dr.
Clermont, FL 34711

LOCATION OF VIOLATION: 2715 Valiant Dr., Clermont, FL 34711

VIOLATION: Chapter 14, Section 302.4

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Code Enforcement Supervisor Wallace, who was sworn in, exhibited pictures that are a true and accurate depiction of the condition of the property on the date taken and read the violation, dates, and staff recommendation for the record.

Board member Rosenberg made a motion to find Respondent in violation with no fine assessed at this time; seconded by Board member Forte. The vote was unanimous in favor of the violation.

Board member Rosenberg expressed concerns on what he says appears to be a lack of consideration, respect, and participation by the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Dave Holt, Chairman

Attest:

Rae Chidlow, Code Enforcement Clerk