

## MINUTES HEARING OFFICER FEBRUARY 7, 2023

Minutes of the regular public hearing of the Hearing Officer, of the City of Tempe, which was held at the Council Chambers, 31 East Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

### REGULAR SESSION 5:00 PM

**Present:**

Vanessa MacDonald, Hearing Officer  
Drew Yocom, Code Compliance Administrator  
Jeff Tamulevich, Community Development Director  
Cassidy Hernandez, Administrative Assistant

There were two (2) interested citizens present.

Meeting convened at 5:00 PM and was called to order by Vanessa MacDonald. Hearing Officer MacDonald stated anyone wishing to appeal a decision will need to file a written appeal within fourteen (14) calendar days, by February 21, 2023 at 3:00 PM, to the Community Development Department.

#### 1. Agenda Item No. 1

##### **January 17, 2023 Hearing Officer Minutes**

**Vanessa MacDonald**, Hearing Officer, stated that the January 17, 2023 Hearing Officer Minutes had been reviewed and were approved.

#### 2. Agenda Item No. 2

Request approval to abate public nuisance items at the Bradford Property located at 518 W. 11th Street. The applicant is the City of Tempe (CE225002).

- Michelle Van Etten, Code Inspector, gave the following overview of this case:
  - Inspector Van Etten requested a 180-day open abatement for 518 W 11<sup>th</sup> St.
  - The case was initiated on 8/25/22 for deteriorating landscape, tree debris on roof in front/rear/side yard, and junk and debris.
  - The property has been vacant, and the citation and all notices were returned by the postal service.
  - The citation issued was not paid and it was sent to collections.
  - The inspector then presented photos taken earlier in the day showcasing the violations on site.
- Drew Yocom stated no contact has been made by the property owner or any other member of the public to speak on behalf of this case.
- Hearing Officer MacDonald approved the 180-day open abatement request found in CE225002.

### **3. Agenda Item No. 3**

Request approval to abate public nuisance items at the Brunson Property located at 1108 E. Alameda Drive. The applicant is the City of Tempe (CE224415).

- Melissa Ensing, Code Inspector, gave the following overview of this case:
  - Inspector Ensing requested a 180-day open abatement for 1108 E. Alameda Drive.
  - The case was initiated on 7/29/22 for trash and debris in the front and rear yards.
  - Eleven (11) complaints have been submitted to the Code Compliance Division
  - A citation was also issued. The property owner went to court.
  - The inspector then presented photos taken earlier in the day showcasing the violations on site.
- Drew Yocom stated no contact has been made by the property owner or any other member of the public to speak on behalf of this case.
- Hearing Officer MacDonald approved the 180-day open abatement request found in CE224415.

### **4. Agenda Item No. 4**

Request approval to abate public nuisance items at the Thompson Property located at 3530 S. Kachina Drive. The applicant is the City of Tempe (CE224335).

- Melissa Ensing, Code Inspector, gave the following overview of this case:
  - Inspector Ensing requested a 180-day open abatement for 3530 S. Kachina Drive.
  - The case was initiated on 7/25/22 for an inoperable/unregistered vehicle.
  - One (1) complaint has been submitted to the Code Compliance Division
  - A citation was also issued. The property owner failed to pay the fee and it went to collections.
  - The inspector then presented photos taken earlier in the day showcasing the violations on site.
- Drew Yocom stated no contact has been made by the property owner or any other member of the public to speak on behalf of this case.
- Hearing Officer MacDonald approved the 180-day open abatement request found in CE224335.

### **5. Agenda Item No. 5**

Request approval to abate public nuisance items at the Jordan Property located at 1930 E. Minton Drive. The applicant is the City of Tempe (CE226242).

- Julie Scofield, Senior Code Inspector, gave the following overview of this case:
  - Inspector Scofield requested a 180-day open abatement for 1930 E. Minton Drive.
  - The case was initiated on 10/17/22 for deteriorating landscape, Junk/trash/debris, lawn parking, illegal structure in the back yard.
  - Two (2) complaints have been received by the Code Compliance Division.
  - A citation was also issued. The property owner failed to pay the fee and it went to collections.
  - The inspector then presented photos taken earlier in the day showcasing the violations on site.
- Drew Yocom stated no contact has been made by the property owner, but one (1) member of the public wanted to speak on behalf of this case.
- Laurie Morehouse, Tempe Resident stated she has lived here for 30 years and though she can not see the back yard, she has witnessed the violations in the front yard over the past year. She would like to see the property come into compliance.
- Hearing Officer MacDonald approved the 180-day open abatement request found in CE226242

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Drew Yocom announced the next Hearing Officer meeting is scheduled to take place on February 21, 2023 in the Tempe City Council Chambers and broadcast live through Tempe 11.

With no further business, the public hearing adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Prepared by: Cassidy Hernandez  
Reviewed by: Drew Yocom

Drew Yocom, Code Compliance Administrator  
For Vanessa MacDonald, Hearing Officer

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