

# MINUTES HEARING OFFICER FEBRUARY 21, 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  
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 March 7, 2023 at 3:00 PM, to the Community Development Department.

### 1. Agenda Item No. 1

#### **February 7, 2023 Hearing Officer Minutes**

**Vanessa MacDonald**, Hearing Officer, stated that the February 7, 2023, Hearing Officer Minutes had been reviewed and were approved.

### 2. Agenda Item No. 2

Request approval to abate public nuisance items at the Colledge Property located at 1420 E. Dava Drive. The applicant is the City of Tempe (CE224663).

- Donald Alexander, Code Inspector, gave the following overview of this case:
  - Inspector Alexander requested a 180-day open abatement for 1420 E. Dava Drive.
  - The case was initiated on 8/11/22 for obstruction of sidewalk and deteriorating landscaping.
  - Two (2) complaints have been submitted to the Code Compliance Division
  - A citation was also issued. The property owner did not pay the fee 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 CE224663.

### 3. Agenda Item No. 3

Request approval to abate public nuisance items at the Shepherd Property located at 1849 E. Harvard Drive. The applicant is the City of Tempe (CE225848).

- Julie Scofield, Senior Code Inspector, gave the following overview of this case:
  - Inspector Scofield requested a 180-day open abatement for 1949 E. Harvard Drive.
  - The case was initiated on 09/29/22 for Junk/Trash and Debris and Grass/Weeds in Gravel landscape.
  - Inspector Scofield also addressed multiple unregistered vehicles on the property.
  - Two (2) complaints have been submitted to the Code Compliance Division
  - A citation was also issued. The property owner did not pay the fee 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 but two (2) members of the public would like to speak on behalf of this case.
- Lloyd Platz, Tempe resident stated the inoperable vehicles were brought to the property shortly after the property owner purchased the property and would like to see the home come into compliance.
- Chris Green, Tempe Resident also observed several vehicles being brought to the property and at times blocking the sidewalk. Mr. Green would like to see the property come into compliance.
- Hearing Officer MacDonald approved the 180-day open abatement request found in CE225848.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Drew Yocom announced the next Hearing Officer meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 in the Tempe City Council Chambers, and broadcast live through Tempe 11.

With no further business, the public hearing adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Prepared by: Cassidy Hernandez  
Reviewed by: Drew Yocom

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

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