

## DRAFT MINUTES HEARING OFFICER SEPTEMBER 5, 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 zero (0) 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 September 19, 2023 at 3:00 PM, to the Community Development Department.

#### 1. Agenda Item No. 1

**August 15, 2023 Hearing Officer Minutes**

**Vanessa MacDonald**, Hearing Officer, stated that the August 15, 2023, Hearing Officer Minutes had been reviewed and were approved.

#### 2. Agenda Item No. 2

Request approval to abate public nuisance items at the Ralston Property located at 1310 West 5th Street. The applicant is the City of Tempe (CE231341).

- Melissa Ensing, Code Inspector, gave the following overview of this case:
  - Inspector Ensing requested a 180-day open abatement for 1310 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - The case was initiated on 3/3/23 for grass and weeds, junk and debris and lawn parking.
  - Additional complaints have been submitted to the Code Compliance Division
  - After 4 (four) months, violations on the property have not been cleared.
  - 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 CE231341.

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

Request approval to abate public nuisance items at the Richardson Property located at 1242 East Manhattan Drive. The applicant is the City of Tempe (CE232830).

- Andrew Gongora, Code Inspector, gave the following overview of this case:
  - Inspector Gongora requested a 180-day open abatement for 1242 East Manhattan Drive.
  - The case was initiated on 5/11/23 for an grass and weeds in the front yard.
  - 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 CE232830.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Drew Yocom announced the next Hearing Officer meeting is scheduled to take place on September 19, 2023 in the Tempe City Council Chambers and broadcast live through Tempe 11.

With no further business, the public hearing adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Prepared by: Cassidy Hernandez

Reviewed by: Drew Yocom

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

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