

CITY OF TEMPE HEARING OFFICER

Meeting Date: 05/19/20

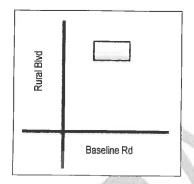
Agenda Item: 3

ACTION: Request approval to abate public nuisance items at the Erickson Property located at 1025 E Carson Drive. The applicant is the City of Tempe – Code Compliance.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$1702.00 for abatement request, including over height grass/weeds and junk and debris throughout the front and backyards, Security on site.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff – Approval

<u>BACKGROUND INFORMATION</u>: City of Tempe – Code Compliance Section requests approval to abate items in violation of the Tempe City Code at the ERICKSON PROPERTY (CE200414). The details of this case represent several months of correspondence for compliance with the property owner. Staff requests the approval of abatement of the following nuisance items under Complaint CE200414: deteriorated landscape. The request includes the following:



Property Owner Janice Erickson

Applicant City of Tempe – Code Compliance
Zoning District: R1-6, Single Family Residential District

ATTACHMENTS: Supporting Attachment

STAFF CONTACT: Drew Yocom, Planning & Research Analyst (480-858-2190)

Department Director: Chad Weaver, Community Development Director

Prepared by: Shelbie Meyer, Administrative Assistant Reviewed by: Drew Yocom, Planning and Research Analyst

COMMENTS:

Code Compliance is requesting approval to abate the Erickson Property located at 1025 E Carson Drive in the R1-6, Single Family Residential District. This case was initiated 01/24/2020 following which Code Compliance has attempted to obtain compliance through correspondence with the property owner regarding violations of the Tempe City Code.

Without the intervention of abatement the property will continue to deteriorate. It is therefore requested that the City of Tempe Community Development Hearing Officer approve the abatement of this public nuisance in accordance with Section 21-53 of the Tempe City Code.

HISTORY & FACTS:

The history and facts of this case are detailed in an attached memo from the Code Compliance Inspector.

Planning Application Submittal Form

Part 1 of 2

City of Tempe
Community Development Department
31 East 5th Street, Garden Level, Tempe, Arizona 85281
(480) 350-4311 Fax (480) 350-8677
Planning Fax (480) 350-8872
http://www.tempe.gov/planning



All applications must be accompanied by the required plans, submittal materials, and correct fee(s)

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DATE:

04/15/2020

TO:

Jeff Tamulevich, Code Administrator

FROM:

Julie Scofield

SUBJECT:

Erickson Property Abatement

LOCATION:

1025 E. Carson Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282

PARCEL:

133-38-169

OWNER:

Janice Erickson 1025 E. Carson Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282

FINDINGS:

01/24/2020

Complaint came into Neighborhood Enhancement (CE200414) for this property regarding deteriorated landscape. The property was inspected. Grass and weeds are growing in the gravel landscape. There are wildflowers growing within the weeds as well. A notice was mailed to the owner, Janice Erickson

02/06/2020

Received a 311 complaint for the over height grass and weeds on the property.

02/11/2020

Re-inspected the property and the violation of deteriorated landscape was still present. A final notice was mailed to the owner.

02/28/2020

A pink hanger was hung on the door asking for compliance or contact by 3/3/2020 to avoid a possible citation.

Received a message from Janice Erickson asking for more time. An extension of two weeks was granted.

03/03/2020

Received an anonymous complaint for the landscape.

03/11/2020

Received an online complaint for the deteriorated landscape.

03/24/2020

Received a 311 complaint for over height grass and or weeds in the front and side of the

property.

03/25/2020

There has been no change in the condition of the property. Issued citation for the landscape. Pictures were taken that day to reflect the violation. Mailed the citation with pamphlets of programs that the city provides to help with landscape.

04/12/2020

There has been no change in the landscape. The citation has not been paid, so therefore it went to collections. Requesting a bid for the cleanup of the landscape in the front and sides of the property. The hearing is set to be scheduled for May 19th, 2020

RECOMMENDATIONS:

I am recommending the approval for the abatement at 1025 E. Carson Dr. The property is owned by Janice Erickson. The owner has been given ample time and opportunities to bring this property into compliance and has failed to take any corrective action. Several notices were mailed, and a citation was issued. I am also requesting that an open abatement of 180 days be granted to cover any future violations.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Scofield

ACTION TAKEN:

NAME

DATE:



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE

Date: 04/15/2020 Case #: CE200414

ERICKSON JANICE L 1025 E CARSON DR TEMPE, AZ 85282

This serves as notification of the City of Tempe's intentions regarding the abatement of code violations on the following described property:

Location: 1025 E CARSON DR TEMPE, AZ 85282

Parcel: 13338169

This office will submit this complaint to the Community Development Abatement Hearing Officer to be placed on the Hearing Officer agenda of May 19th, 2020, located at the Tempe Council Chambers, 31 E 5th Street, at 5pm. We are requesting Hearing Officer Authorization to abate this public nuisance in accordance with Section 21-53 of the Tempe City Code by removal and repair of:

CC 21-3.b.8

Landscaping that is substantially dead, damaged or characterized by uncontrolled growth or presents a deteriorated or slum-like appearance.

If the violations have not been corrected within thirty (30) days, our office will proceed with the abatement process. As owner of the property, you have thirty (30) days after receipt of this letter to abate or correct any violation as described below:

CC 21-3.b.8

- a. Remove all grass and weeds from the front and sides of the property.
- b. Cut over height grass and or weeds in the back yard.

Upon receipt of the Hearing Officer approval to abate this public nuisance, the necessary work will be performed at the expense of the property owner. The cost of this work will be \$1702.00. In addition to the actual cost of abatement, an administrative charge of fifteen(15) percent of the actual cost of abatement or three hundred (\$300) dollars, whichever is greater, for expenses incurred by the City for abatement procedures, and the cost of recording liens and releases will be charged. The recorded lien may bear interest at the legal rate of judgments in the State of Arizona. Administrative charges and the cost of recording liens and releases shall become a lien on the property whether or not the public nuisance is abated by the City.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact our office at (480)350-4311.

Code Inspector: Julie Scofield Phone Number: 480-350-8951 E-mail: julie scofield@tempe.gov

HAMANN ENTERPRISES, LLC

2925 N 19TH AVE UNIT 97 PHOENIX, AZ 85015 (602) 575-4455

hamannenterprises@yahoo.com

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT IS FOR:

NAME:

JULIE SCOFIELD

FIRM:

CITY OF TEMPE

DATE:

4/13/20

PROPOSAL

WE PROPOSE TO DO THE FOLLOWING WORK FOR THE CITY OF TEMPE UNDER CONTRACT # T18-011-03

ADDRESS: 1025 E CARSON DR.

1 REMOVAL OF TALL WEEDS, GRASS AND DEBRIS FRONT AND BACK YARD	\$800.00		
2 ESTAMATED DUMP FEES	\$50.00		
3 SECURITY BY TEMPE POLICE	\$552.00		
4 APLICATION OF PRE EMERGENT AND WEED KILLER	\$300.00		
5	\$0.00		
6	\$0.00		
TOTAL COST OF JOB	\$1,702.00		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS

BOB HAMANN

Arizona Traffic Ticket and Complaint

City of Tempe Maricopa County State of Arizona

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT CODE COMPLIANCE CORRECTION NOTICE

01/24/2020

ERICKSON JANICE L 1025 E CARSON DR TEMPE, AZ 85282

Case#: CE200414

Site Address: 1025 E CARSON DR. TEMPE, AZ 85282

SITE REINSPECTION ON OR AFTER: 02/07/2020

This is a notice to inform you that this site was inspected on 01/24/2020 and found to be in violation of the City of Tempe's Zoning and Development Code (ZDC) and/or Nuisances and Property Enhancement Ordinance, Chapter 21, Article I and/or II of the City Code (CC) as noted. Failure to comply may result in civil citation or criminal charges.

VIOLATION SECTION:

Violation of City of Tempe Code 21-3-B-8

Any landscaping, visible from public property, that is substantially dead, damaged, or characterized by uncontrolled growth, or presents a deteriorated or slum-like appearance; uncultivated plants, weeds, tall grass, uncultivated shrubs or growth (whether growing or otherwise) higher than twelve (12) inches; or any dead trees, bushes, shrubs or portions thereof, including stumps; or any palm or similar type tree having dead or dry fronds descending downward from the base of the lowest living frond more than eight (8) feet or dry fronds longer than five (5) feet and closer than eight (8) feet to the ground.

PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIVE ACTION:

- PLEASE REMOVE ALL GRASS AND OR WEEDS FROM THE FRONT AND OR SIDES OF THE PROPERTY IN THE GRAVEL LANDSCAPED AREAS. ALL GRAVEL LANDSCAPES MUST BE MAINTAINED FREE AND CLEAR OF ANY UNCONTROLLED GROWTH REGARDLESS OF HEIGHT.
- 2. WILDFLOWERS ARE OKAY TO REMAIN.

Please contact me if you have questions or need further assistance. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Julie Scofield Code Inspector II E-Mail

Direct: 480-350-8951 Code Compliance: 480-350-8372 julie_scofield@tempe.gov Civil and Criminal Penalties

City Code: Section 21-3, subsections (b) 1-8, 17-19 and 21; Sections 21-4; 21-13; Section 21-24; Section 21-38, subsections (a-k) and (m-q): 1st occurrence \$200 per violation, 2nd occurrence \$300 per violation, 3rd occurrence \$400 per violation, 3rd occurrence \$700 per violation, 2nd occurrence \$400 per violation, 2nd occurrence \$700 per violation, 3rd occurrence \$1,000 per violation, 2nd occurrence \$700 per violation, 3rd occurrence \$1,000 per violation, 2nd occurrence \$550 in addition to other fines, 2nd occurrence \$1,050 in addition to other fines, 3rd occurrence, \$1,550 in addition to other fines, 2nd occurrence \$170 per violation, 2nd occurrence \$420 per violation, 3rd occurrence \$820 per violation | The city has authority to abate the violation should the owner neglect, fail or refuse to correct the violation within 30 days and to assess a lien against the property for the cost of the abatement. | The city prosecutor is authorized to file a criminal class 1 misdemeanor complaint in the Tempe Municipal Court for violations of these codes.

Please Note: In the event of more than one violation occurring at this property in a calendar year, the property owner may be assessed a reinspection fee of \$75.00 pursuant to City Code Section 21-51, subsection (b).



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT CODE COMPLIANCE FINAL CORRECTION NOTICE

02/11/2020

ERICKSON JANICE L 1025 E CARSON DR TEMPE, AZ 85282

Case#: CE200414

Site Address: 1025 E CARSON DR. TEMPE, AZ 85282

SITE REINSPECTION ON OR AFTER: 02/25/2020

This is a notice to inform you that this site was inspected on 02/11/2020 and found to be in violation of the City of Tempe's Zoning and Development Code (ZDC) and/or Nuisances and Property Enhancement Ordinance, Chapter 21, Article I and/or II of the City Code (CC) as noted. Failure to comply may result in civil citation or criminal charges.

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