

CITY OF TEMPE HEARING OFFICER

Meeting Date: 11/17/2020

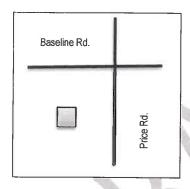
Agenda Item: 3

ACTION: Request approval to abate public nuisance items at the Blackstad Property located at 2119 E. Sesame Street. The applicant is the City of Tempe – Code Compliance.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$1096.00 for abatement request: restore swimming pool to clean/clear condition, repair/replace gate latch.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff – Approval of 180 day open abatement

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: City of Tempe – Code Compliance Section requests approval to abate items in violation of the Tempe City Code at the BLACKSTAD PROPERTY. 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 CE203415: restore swimming pool to clean/clear condition, repair/replace gate latch.



Property Owner
Applicant
Zoning District:
Code Compliance
Inspector:

Paul Blackstad
City of Tempe – Code Compliance
R1-7 Single Family Residential
Julie Scofield, Code Inspector

ATTACHMENTS: Supporting Attachment

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

Department Director: Chad Weaver, Community Development Director

Legal review by: N/A

Prepared by: Barbara Simons, Code Inspector

Reviewed by: Drew Yocom, Planning & Research Analyst

COMMENTS:

Code Compliance is requesting approval to abate the Blackstad Property located at 2117 E. Sesame Street, in the R1-7, Single Family Residential district. This case was initiated 05/21/20, after 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 a 180 day open 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)

PROJECT INFORMATION — REQUIRED.

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DATE:

October 8th, 2020

TO:

Jeff Tamulevich, Code Compliance Administrator

FROM:

Julie Scofield, Code Inspector

SUBJECT:

CE203415, Blackstad Property Abatement

LOCATION: 2119 E. SESAME ST. TEMPE, AZ 85283

LEGAL:

KNOELL TEMPE UNIT 8

PARCEL:

301-97-631

OWNER:

PAUL BLACKSTAD 2119 E. SESAME ST.

TEMPE. AZ 85283

FINDINGS:

05/21/2020 The Code Compliance Division received a complaint for deteriorated landscape and swimming pool. Inspected the property and found over height grass and weeds in the back yard, grass and weeds in the gravel landscape in the front yard, and a green swimming pool. Notice to comply was mailed to the owner.

06/08/2020 Re-inspected the property. There has been no change to the landscape or pool. A final notice was mailed to the owner.

06/23/2020 The pool looked a little bit clearer. Will recheck before issuing a citation.

07/06/2020 Went back to the property and the pool is completely green. The landscape has been taken care of. Issued a citation for the pool. Pictures were taken to show the condition of the pool.

07/22/2020 Received a phone call from the owner, Paul Blackstad saying that he took care of the pool by treating it. Went to the property and the pool was still green.

08/12/2020 This case was heard in court and Mr. Blackstad was found responsible.

08/13/2020 Called and talked to Mr. Blackstad explaining that the pool still needed to come into compliance, or another citation would be issued.

08/26/2020 The pool is still green and the latch on the fence leading to the alley is broken. Mailed a notice to include the pool and the latch.

09/09/2020 Issued a second citation for the pool and the latch. Pictures were taken to show the condition of the property.

10/08/2020 Turning in the paperwork for an abatement hearing to be held on November 17th, 2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

I recommend an abatement of the nuisance violation at the property located at 2119 E. Sesame St. The property owner has failed to bring the property into compliance with Tempe City Code 21-3. B.16. Mr. Blackstad has been given ample time and has been communicated with in court and on the phone. The property represents an eyesore and health and safety issue to the community.

Without the intervention of abatement, the property will continue to deteriorate. I therefore make a request to the City of Tempe Community Development Hearing Officer for authorization to abate this public nuisance in accordance with section 21-53 of the Tempe City Code and authorization of multiple abatements for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days from the previous abatement order.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Scofield Code Inspector II

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE

Date: 10/08/2020 Case #: CE203415

BLACKSTAD PAUL 2119 E SESAME ST TEMPE, AZ 85283

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

Location: 2119 E SESAME ST TEMPE, AZ 85283

Parcel: 301-97-631

This office will submit this complaint to the Community Development Abatement Hearing Officer to be placed on the Hearing Officer agenda of 11/17/2020 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.16

Swimming pool that is deteriorated or presents a health hazard

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.16

Please restore water to a clear, clean condition. Fix or replace the gate latch on the gate leading to the alley.

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 \$1096.00. 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 SCOFEILD

FIRM:

CITY OF TEMPE

DATE:

10/4/20

PROPOSAL

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

ADDRESS: 2119 E SESAME ST

1 FIX LATCH ON BACK GATE DRAIN SWIMMING POOL	\$800.00
2 ESTAMATED DUMP FEES	\$20.00
3 SECURITY BY TEMPE PD	\$276.00
4	\$0.00
5	\$0.00
6	\$0.00
TOTAL COST OF JOB	\$1,096.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS

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City of Tempe Maricopa County, State of Arizona



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT CODE COMPLIANCE

CORRECTION NOTICE

05/21/2020

BLACKSTAD PAUL W 2119 E SESAME ST TEMPE, AZ 85283-2452

Case#: CE203415

Site Address: 2119 E SESAME ST. TEMPE, AZ 85283

SITE REINSPECTION ON OR AFTER: 06/05/2020

This is a notice to inform you that this site was inspected on 05/21/2020 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.

Violation of City of Tempe Code 21-3-B-16

Any swimming pool areas that are not enclosed by a fence of at least five (5) feet in height and equipped with self-closing, self-latching gate(s), or padlocked at all times. Any openings in the fencing shall be of a size to prohibit a spherical object four (4) inches in diameter from passing through or under the fence or gate; or any swimming pool, architectural pool or spa that creates a health hazard, harbors insect infestation or presents a deteriorated appearance.

PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIVE ACTION:

- 1. 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. RESTORE POOL WATER TO A CLEAN AND CLEAR STATE. ALL ALGEA, DIRT, AND DEBRIS MUST BE REMOVED FROM POOL.
- 3. PLEASE CUT ALL OVER HEIGHT GRASS AND OR WEEDS FROM THE BACK YARD OF THE PROPERTY.

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

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT CODE COMPLIANCE

FINAL CORRECTION NOTICE

06/08/2020

BLACKSTAD PAUL W 2119 E SESAME ST TEMPE, AZ 85283-2452

Case#: CE203415

Site Address: 2119 E SESAME ST. TEMPE, AZ 85283

SITE REINSPECTION ON OR AFTER: 06/23/2020

This is a notice to inform you that this site was inspected on 06/08/2020 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.

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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. RESTORE POOL WATER TO A CLEAN AND CLEAR STATE. ALL ALGEA, DIRT, AND DEBRIS MUST BE REMOVED FROM POOL. PLEASE MAKE SURE GATE IS SECURE AS WELL.
- 3. PLEASE CUT ALL OVER HEIGHT GRASS AND OR WEEDS FROM THE BACK YARD OF THE PROPERTY.

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- 2. FIX/REPAIR/REPLACE THE LATCH ON THE GATE THAT LEADS TO THE ALLEY. POOL GATES MUST BE SECURE AND CLOSED AT ALL TIMES.

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IF THE POOL GATE IS NOT FIXED AND THE POOL IS NOT CLEAR AND CLEAN ON OR BY 9/8/2020, A \$700 CITATION MAY BE ISSUED.







