

DRAFT MINUTES HEARING OFFICER May 18, 2021

Minutes of the regular public hearing of the Hearing Officer, of the City of Tempe, which was streamed online on WebEx and broadcasted live on Tempe 11 at 5:00pm.

REGULAR SESSION 5:00 PM

Present:

Vanessa MacDonald, Hearing Officer
Drew Yocom, Code Compliance Analyst
Shelbie Meyer, 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 June 1, 2021 at 3:00 PM, to the Community Development Department.

1. The following was noted:

• **Agenda Item No. 1**

May 4, 2021 Hearing Officer Minutes

Vanessa MacDonald, Hearing Officer, stated the May 4, 2021 Hearing Officer Minutes had been reviewed and were approved.

2. Request abatement of public nuisance items at the **QIK STOP PROPERTY** located at 3233 S. 48th Street. The applicant is the City of Tempe (**CM210251**).

Jack Scofield, Code Inspector, gave the following overview of this case:

- Inspector Scofield requested a 180-day open abatement to address deteriorated landscaping, junk/debris/trash, and graffiti throughout the property.
- Two (2) notices of violation were sent to the property owner to no avail.
- The case has been open since February 2021, no changes or effort made to correct the violations.
- Inspector Scofield acknowledged that this property has a long history of being abated over the years.
- Inspector Scofield displayed the graffiti, junk/trash/debris, and weeds throughout the property.
- Drew Yocom stated no contact was made by the property owner to speak on this case.

Hearing Officer MacDonald approved the 180-day open abatement.

3. Request abatement of public nuisance items at the **LYNCH PROPERTY** located at 5321 S. Siesta Lane. The applicant is the City of Tempe (**CE205012**).

Julie Scofield, Code Inspector, gave the following overview of this case:

- Inspector Scofield requested a 180-day open abatement for an unregistered vehicle.
- The case has been open since November 2020.
- Several notices were mailed to the property owner. A citation was issued in January 2021 for the unregistered vehicles.
- Inspector Scofield stated this property has a history of storing unregistered or inoperable vehicles in March 2019. Notices and citations were issued. In May of 2020, notices were again issued to the property owner for unregistered/inoperable vehicles.
- Inspector Scofield explained that property owner removed the inoperable vehicle from driveway and only one car remains with tags that expire in three (3) days (May 21, 2021). Inspector Scofield stated that she inspected the property in the morning and the property owner sent an email to the Hearing Officer that they complied shortly before the start of the meeting.
- Hearing Officer MacDonald explained that the property owner provided a comment, stating that they were now in compliance with the code.
 - [Lynch Property owner – public comment](#)
- Drew Yocom stated the public comment submitted was the only communication made by the property owner regarding the Hearing Officer.

Hearing Officer MacDonald approved the 180-day open abatement.

4. Request abatement of public nuisance items at the **HALE PROPERTY** located at 2108 E. Yale Drive. The applicant is the City of Tempe (**CE210006**).

ABATEMENT REQUEST WITHDRAWN

5. Request abatement of public nuisance items at the **TRUJILLO PROPERTY** located at 6737 S. Kenneth Place. The applicant is the City of Tempe (**CE210407**).

Julie Scofield, Code Inspector, gave the following overview of this case:

- Inspector Scofield requested a 180-day open abatement for unregistered vehicles in driveway.
- The case has been open since January 21, 2021.
- Inspector Scofield has had communication with property owner in March 2021.
- A citation was issued for the unregistered vehicle.
- Grass/weeds were growing, so an additional initial violation letter was sent to property owner to address the new violation.
- Inspector Scofield indicated that there has been no change and displayed the grass/weeds growing throughout the yards and the unregistered vehicle in the driveway.
- Drew Yocom stated no contact was made by the property owner to speak on this case.

Hearing Officer MacDonald approved the 180-day open abatement.

6. Request abatement of public nuisance items at the **KIMMEL PROPERTY** located at 2084 E. Ellis Drive. The applicant is the City of Tempe (**CE206894**).
- Julie Scofield, Code Inspector, gave the following overview of this case:
- Inspector Scofield requested a 180-day open abatement for a dead pine tree in backyard, junk/debris/trash, dead vegetation and over height grass/weeds in front and back yards.
 - The case has been open since November 3, 2020.
 - The owner was mailed pamphlets to help with costs of landscaping.
 - A first and final violation notice was mailed to property owner. A citation was issued for the landscaping.
 - In April 2021, a complaint was made to the Code Compliance division noting that there is junk/debris/trash stored in the backyard.
 - There has been communication with the property owner and property owner's daughter about the violations. Inspector Scofield stated that the property owner is elderly, which is why pamphlets were mailed to help with the costs and maintenance of landscaping.
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- Drew Yocom stated no contact was made by the property owner to speak on this case.

Hearing Officer MacDonald approved the 180-day open abatement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Drew Yocom announced that the next meeting will take place on June 1, 2021 online through WebEx and live on Tempe 11.

With no further business, the public hearing adjourned at 5:23 PM.

Prepared by: Shelbie Meyer
Reviewed by: Drew Yocom

Drew Yocom, Planning and Research Analyst
For Vanessa MacDonald, Hearing Officer

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