

MINUTES HEARING OFFICER June 15, 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
Shelbie Meyer, Administrative Assistant
Jeff Tamulevich, Code Compliance Administrator

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 July 6, 2021 at 3:00 PM, to the Community Development Department.

1. The following was noted: -----

- **Agenda Item No. 1**

June 1, 2021 Hearing Officer Minutes

Vanessa MacDonald, Hearing Officer, stated the June 1, 2021 Hearing Officer Minutes had been reviewed and were approved. -----

2. Request abatement of public nuisance items at the **GORDOA PROPERTY** located at 2002 E. 10th Street. The applicant is the City of Tempe (**CE206791**).

Hector Heredia, Code Inspector, gave the following overview of this case:

- Inspector Heredia requested a 180-day open abatement to bring property into compliance.
- On October 30, 2020, the case was initiated by an anonymous complaint regarding over height grass/weeds in right of way and throughout the gravel of the property. A first notice was then issued with a reinspection date of fourteen (14) days to be in compliance.
- On November 19, 2020, a final notice was sent.
- No communication was made by the property owner and a citation was subsequently issued.
- Inspector Heredia noted the property owner's son contacted the inspector after the citation was posted to the property.
- On January 20, 2021, Inspector Heredia provided a small extension to rectify violations.
- The property owner defaulted in court and the property was never cleaned, which prompted Inspector Heredia to file for the abatement process.
- Shelbie Meyer stated no contact was made by the property owner to speak on behalf of this case.

Hearing Officer MacDonald approved the 180-day open abatement.

3. Request abatement of public nuisance items at the **LESSER PROPERTY** located at 618 E. Saguaro Drive. The applicant is the City of Tempe (**CE202777**).

Hector Heredia, Code Inspector, gave the following overview of this case:

- Inspector Heredia requested a 180-day open abatement.
- On April 24, 2020, the case was initiated by an anonymous complaint regarding junk/debris/trash located on front and back yard areas. A first notice was issued.
- On May 11, 2020, minor corrective action was taken. A final notice was issued, where a two (2) week extension was provided.
- On May 27, 2020, an anonymous complaint was submitted regarding dead trees in the backyard. A month extension was granted.
- On June 29, 2020, property remained in violation. Code Compliance received additional complaints regarding a deteriorated wall, junk/debris/trash, and dead pine trees throughout the property.
- On July 8, 2020, a second final notice was sent with a three (3) week extension.
- On August 17, 2020, an additional anonymous complaint was submitted regarding the deteriorated of the property and concern for the dead trees in the backyard.
- On August 20, 2020, another small extension was granted.
- On September 2, 2020, an extension was requested by the property for COVID-19 related issues and was granted.
- On October 23, 2020, a citation was issued for deteriorated landscaping and junk/debris/trash throughout the property.
- On January 27, 2021, the court found the property owner at fault.
- On February 12, 2021, an anonymous complaint was filed to address the deteriorated swimming pool. A fourth (4) violation notice was sent.
- On March 1, 2021, another extension was granted.
- On April 9, 2021, the Inspector sought the abatement process.
- On May 10, 2021, the abatement packet was submitted.

- Shelbie Meyer stated no contact was made by the property owner to speak on behalf of this case.

Hearing Officer MacDonald approved the 180-day open abatement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Shelbie Meyer announced that the next meeting will take place on July 6, 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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