

MINUTES HEARING OFFICER August 3, 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, Community Development Planning and Research Analyst
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 August 17, 2021 at 3:00 PM, to the Community Development Department.

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

- Agenda Item No. 1

July 21, 2021 Hearing Officer Minutes

Vanessa MacDonald, Hearing Officer, stated the July 21, 2021 Hearing Officer Minutes had been reviewed and were approved. -----

2. Request abatement of public nuisance items at the **DAVIS PROPERTY** located at 1004 E. Westchester Drive. The applicant is the City of Tempe (**CE210592**).

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

- Inspector Scofield requested a 180-day open abatement for junk/debris/trash items in the front, boat and trailer with jet skis that are lawn parking in the setback on an unimproved parking area.
- On February 2, 2021, the Code Compliance division received an anonymous complaint for junk/debris/trash and a boat and jet skis which was lawn parking. A first notice was mailed.
- On February 17, 2021, the property was still in violation and a final notice was mailed.
- The inspector has had communication with the property owner's daughter, the tenant. She acknowledged the violations and how the process to bring the property into compliance.
- The inspector has given the tenant multiple extensions, yet the violations remain.
- The inspector stated how the tenant would sometimes move the boat to the street but would move it back into the unimproved parking area in the setback the next day.
- In April 2021, a revised final was mailed to include all violations one last time.
- May 26, 2021, the inspector issued a citation for the boat, jet ski trailer, junk/trash/debris, and lawn parking. The citation has since gone to collections.

- Hearing Officer MacDonald asked if the owner showed up to the court proceedings and how the process went. Inspector Scofield stated the property owner did not show up to court and the citation went to default.
- Hearing Officer MacDonald asked if the junk/debris/trash items in the truck bed are subject to abatement. Inspector Scofield stated that mounds of junk/debris/trash items stored in the bed are abatable offenses.

Drew Yocom 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

- Drew Yocom announced that the next meeting will take place on August 17, 2021 online through WebEx and live on Tempe 11.

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

Prepared by: Shelbie Meyer
Reviewed by: Drew Yocom

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

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