

MINUTES HEARING OFFICER August 17, 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 5:05 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 31, 2021 at 3:00 PM, to the Community Development Department.

1. The following was noted:

• **Agenda Item No. 1**

August 3, 2021 Hearing Officer Minutes

Vanessa MacDonald, Hearing Officer, stated the August 3, 2021 Hearing Officer Minutes had been reviewed and were approved.

2. Request abatement of public nuisance items at the **REMER PROPERTY** located at 1019 E. Henry Street. The applicant is the City of Tempe (**CE207445**).

ABATEMENT REQUEST WITHDRAWN - PROPERTY IN COMPLIANCE

3. Request abatement of public nuisance items at the **JONES PROPERTY** located at 1331 E. Palmdale Drive. The applicant is the City of Tempe (**CE211031**).

Barbara Simons, Code Inspector, gave the following overview of this case:

- Inspector Simons requested a 180-day open abatement for grass/weeds in gravel landscaping in the front and side yards.
- The case was initiated proactively on February 18, 2021, sent first notices to property owner with the reinspection date of March 8, 2021.
- On March 10, 2021, the property remained in violation. A final notice was sent.
- On April 20, 2021, Inspector Simons left the property owner a voicemail asking her for contact.
- On April 28, 2021, the owner never made contact, so a citation was issued.

- On July 12, 2021, the property was still out of compliance. The inspector filed for the abatement hearing.
- Inspector Simons has had recent communication with the property owner who stated that the property would comply prior to the Hearing Officer meeting and asked for an extension.

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.

4. Request abatement of public nuisance items at the **SINGH PROPERTY** located at 820 W. Tulane Drive. The applicant is the City of Tempe (**CE212864**).

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

- Inspector Scofield request a 180-day open abatement for grass/weeds in gravel landscaping (front/back/side yards), over height grass/weeds (front/back/side yards), junk/debris/trash (back yard), and sidewalk obstruction (front/side yards).
- The case was initiated on May 5, 2021 and multiple notices were sent to the property owner regarding the violations.
- No changes were ever made to remediate the violations. Inspector Scofield sent a final notice to the property owner.
- The stepdaughter of the property owner called to inform Inspector Scofield that the property owner is deceased, and the family is waiting for the estate go into foreclosure.
- Multiple complaints continue to be filed with the Code Compliance division.

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.

5. Request abatement of public nuisance items at the **ANDERS PROPERTY** located at 2156 E. La Donna Drive. The applicant is the City of Tempe (**CE212241**).

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

- Inspector Scofield request a 180-day open abatement for grass/weeds in gravel landscaping and over height grass/weeds in front, side and back yards.
- The case was initiated in April 2021. Multiple notices were sent to the property owner regarding the violations.
- A citation was also issued to the property owner. No response was ever initiated by property owner.

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.

6. Request abatement of public nuisance items at the **DOYLE PROPERTY** located at 4415 S. Ventura Drive. The applicant is the City of Tempe (**CE211017**).

Michael Glab, Code Inspector, gave the following overview of this case:

- Inspector Glab request a 180-day open abatement for an inoperable/unregistered vehicle.
- One (1) complaint has been received by the Code Compliance division.
- The case was initiated on February 12, 2021, for an inoperable/unregistered vehicle. A first violation notice was sent.
- On March 12, 2021, the inoperable/unregistered vehicle remained. A second violation notice was sent.
- The inspector has had multiple phone conversations and in-person conversations with the tenant, Tiffany, to comply. Additional time was requested and granted.

- On April 15, 2021, the tenant, Tiffany, requested a second extension, which was granted.
- On May 11, 2021, the inoperable/unregistered vehicle remained. Inspector Glab posted a third notice to the front structure.
- On May 25, 2021, the violations remained. Inspector Glab issued a citation to the property owner, Mr. Doyle.
- The citation was paid in full by property owner in June 2021.

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 Wednesday, September 1, 2021 online through WebEx and live on Tempe 11.

With no further business, the public hearing adjourned at 5:34 PM.

Prepared by: Shelbie Meyer
Reviewed by: Drew Yocom

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

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