

CITY OF TEMPE HEARING OFFICER

Meeting Date: 01/03/2023

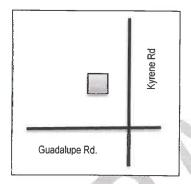
Agenda Item: 3

ACTION: Request approval to abate public nuisance items at the Hofstetter Property located at 820 W. Libra Drive. The applicant is the City of Tempe – Code Compliance.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$610 for abatement request: front yard landscape cleanup.

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 HOFSTETTER 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 CE225349: front yard landscape cleanup.



Property Owner Applicant Zoning District; Code Compliance Inspector:

Cherryl B. Hofstetter City of Tempe – Code Compliance R1-7 Single Family Residential Alima Dia

ATTACHMENTS: Supporting Attachment

STAFF CONTACT: Drew Yocom, Code Administrator (480-858-2190)

Department Director: Jeffrey Tamulevich, Department Director

Legal review by: N/A

Prepared by: Barbara Simons, Code Inspector Reviewed by: Drew Yocom, Code Administrator

COMMENTS:

Code Compliance is requesting approval to abate the Hofstetter Property located at 820 W. Libra Drive, in the R1-7 Single Family Residential district. This case was initiated 09/07/2022, 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:

November 8th, 2022

TO:

Julie Scofield, Senior Code Inspector

FROM:

Alima Dia, Code Inspector

SUBJECT:

CE225349, Cherryl Hofstetter

LOCATION: 820 W LIBRA DRIVE TEMPE AZ 85283

PARCEL:

301-05-198

OWNER:

CHERRYL HOFSTETTER 10401 N. 100TH ST NO 10 Scottsdale, Az 85258

FINDINGS:

9/7/2022 -Initial inspection the property found the gravel landscaping had grass and weeds growing in the front and sides. A notice was mailed to the owner Ms. Hofstetter.

9/23/2022- Re inspected the property and found the grass and weeds were still on the property. A final notice was mailed to the owner.

10/7/2022- Visited the property, and the property was still in violation. Placed a pink tag on the door and give the owner and or tenant until 10/11/2022 to comply or contact me.

10/11/2022- Reinspected the property, and it was still in violation and issued a citation for deteriorating landscaping. Pictures were taken and citations was mailed and sent certified to the owner.

10/27/2022-Requested a bid for abatement cleanup.

11/9/2022- Turned in the abatement packet for hearing scheduled on January 3rd, 2023.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

I recommend an abatement of the nuisance violations at the property at 820 W Libra Drive Tempe, Arizona 85283. The owner's failure to bring property into compliance with Tempe City Code 21-3. B.8. Mrs. Hofstetter has been given ample time to come into compliance and maintain the property. The property owner has been issued a civil citation and has failed to

appear to court. There has been no indication that the property owner will bring the property into compliance. The property represents a health hazard and an eyesore 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,

Alima Dia Code Inspector

ACTION TAKEN: Submittee

NAME Sulie Soojielo

DATE: 1/14/22



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE

DATE:11/8/2022 CASE # CE225349

CHERRYL HOFSTETTER 10401 N 100th ST NO 10 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85258

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

LOCATION: 820 W LIBRA DRIVE TEMPE, AZ 85283

PARCEL: 301-05-198

This office will submit this complaint to the Community Development Abatement Hearing Officer located at the Tempe City Council Chambers on 01/03/2023. 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:

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.

If the violations have not been corrected within thirty 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:

1. REMOVE GRASS AND WEEDS FROM THE GRAVEL AREAS OF THE FRONT YARD LANDSCAPE,

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 \$610.00. 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 for 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: Alima Dia Phone Number: 480-350-8075 E-mail: Alima_dia @tempe.gov



November 2, 2022

City of Tempe Attn: Alima Dia Code Inspector

RE: Clean-Up at 820 W. Libra Dr.

Thank you for giving Artistic Land Management, Inc the opportunity to serve your landscaping needs. Below is our price to provide all labor, equipment, landfill fees, and supervision to perform the work listed below at 820 W Libra Dr, Tempe, AZ. Please give us a call for any questions you may have at 480-821-4966.

Scope of Work

Front and Side yard:

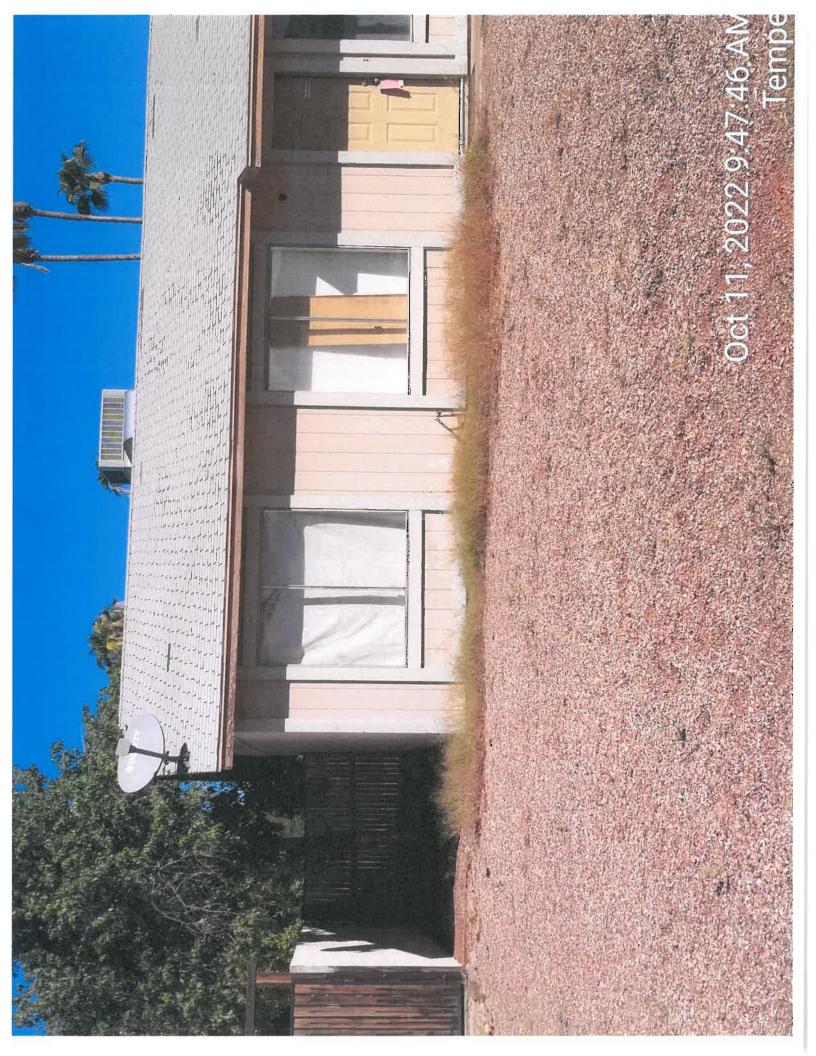
- Cut down weeds and unwanted vegetation to ground level
- Apply post-emergent chemical where needed
- Haul off debris

Total = \$610.00

Respectfully,

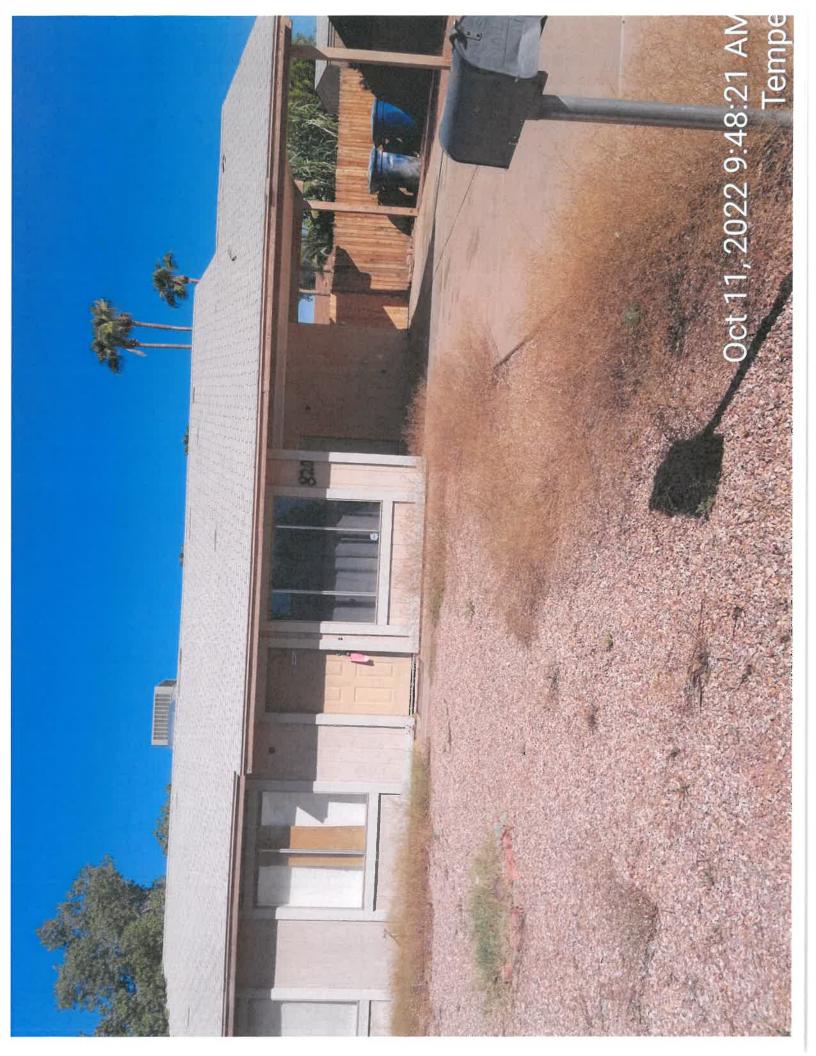
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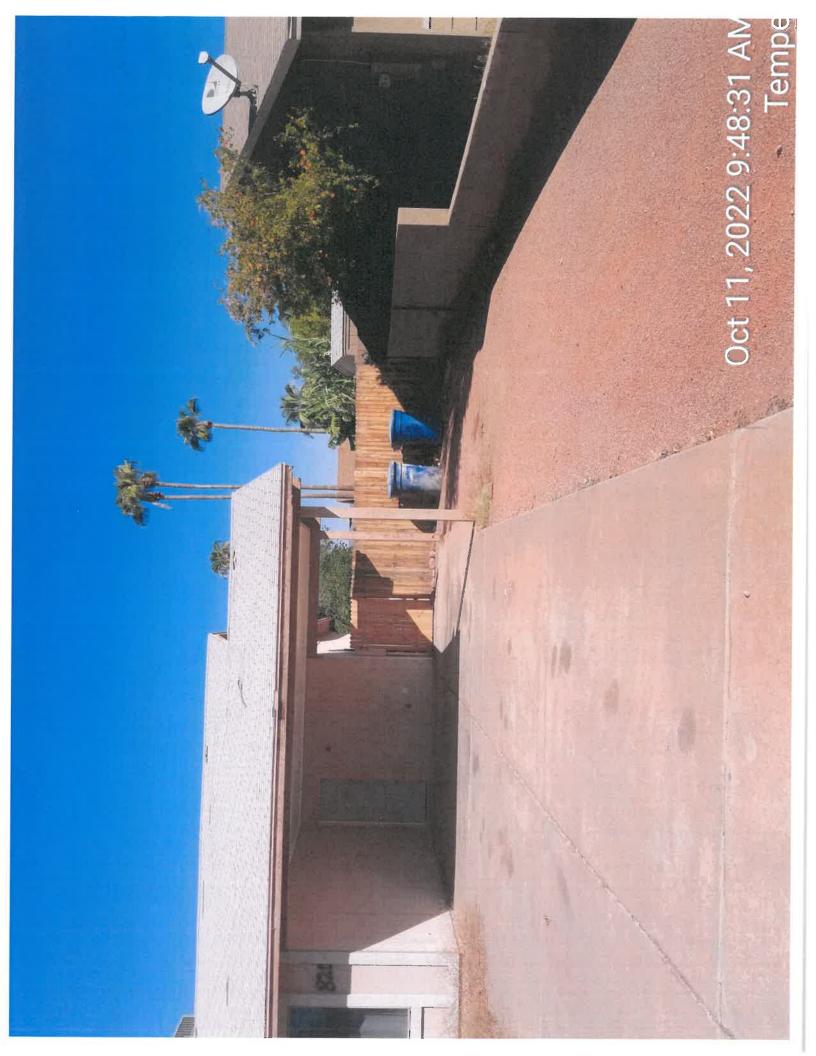














COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT CODE COMPLIANCE CORRECTION NOTICE

09/07/2022

HOFSTETTER CHERRYL B TR 10401 N 100TH ST NO 10 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85258

Case #: CE225349

Site Address: 820 W LIBRA DR, TEMPE, AZ 85283

This is a notice to inform you that this site was inspected on 09/07/2022 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.

Section	Violation
CC 21-3.b.8	Landscaping that is substantially dead, damaged or characterized by uncontrolled growth, or presents a deteriorated appearance; or any dead trees, bushes, shrubs or portions thereof, including stumps
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PLEASE TAKE	ON OR AFTER	
CC 21-3.b.8	Please remove grass and or weeds in the gravel landscaping area this includes the front and or sides of the property. All gravel landscape must maintain free of any uncontrolled growth.	9/21/2022

Please contact me if you have questions or need further assistance. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Alima Dia Code Inspector Direct: 480-350-8075

Code Compliance: 480-350-4311 Email: Alima_Dia@tempe.gov

Please Note: In the event of more than one violation occurring at this property in a calendar year, the property owner may be assessed a reinspection fee of \$82.00 pursuant to City Code Section 21-51, subsection (b). **Civil and Criminal Penalties**

City Code: Section 21-3, subsections (b) 1-8, 17-19 and 21; Sections 21-4; 21-13; Section 21-24; Section 21-38, subsections (a-k) and (m-q): 1st occurrence \$200 per violation, 2nd occurrence \$300 per violation, 3rd occurrence \$400 per violation |Sections 21-31; 21-32; 21-33; 21-35; 21-36: 1st occurrence \$300 per violation, 2nd occurrence \$500 per violation, 3rd occurrence \$700 per violation | Section 21-3, subsections (b) 9-16 and 20; Sections 21-34, 21-37; Section 21-38, subsection (l): 1st occurrence \$400 per violation, 2nd occurrence \$700 per violation, 3rd occurrence \$1,000 per violation. | Section 21-4 (b) Habitual Offender: 1st occurrence \$550 in addition to other fines, 2nd occurrence \$1,050 in addition to other fines, 3rd occurrence, \$1,550 in addition to other fines. | Section 21-25: \$1,050 per violation. | Zoning and Development Code: 1st occurrence \$170 per violation, 2nd occurrence \$420 per violation, 3rd occurrence \$820 per violation | The city has authority to abate the violation should the owner neglect, fail or refuse to correct the violation within 30 days and to assess a lien against the property for the cost of the abatement. | The city prosecutor is authorized to file a criminal class 1 misdemeanor complaint in the Tempe Municipal Court for violations of these codes.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT CODE COMPLIANCE FINAL CORRECTION NOTICE

09/23/2022

HOFSTETTER CHERRYL B TR 10401 N 100TH ST NO 10 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85258

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CC 21-3.b.8	Please remove grass and or weeds in the gravel landscaping area this includes the front and or sides of the property. All gravel landscape must maintain free of any uncontrolled growth.	10/7/2022						

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Alima Dia Code Inspector Direct: 480-350-8075

Code Compliance: 480-350-4311 Email: Alima_Dia@tempe.gov

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