

The City of Wauchula Code Enforcement met for its regularly scheduled hearing on November 30, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Special Magistrate Elliott Mitchell called the hearing to order and administered the oath to those testifying.

Also present at the hearing were Code Enforcement Officer Raina Bergens and City Clerk Stephanie Camacho.

NEW CASES:

23-167-M Kinbro Family INC 748 N 6th Avenue
Bergens presented photographic evidence and stated this case was opened on August 30, 2023. Bergens stated a permit has already been pulled to make repairs. Special Magistrate Mitchell found a violation did exist however, since a permit has been issued, the property owner has until May 31, 2024 to remedy or a fine of \$100 per day would be imposed.

23-170-M Roy A Brown 121 W Main Street
Bergens presented photographic evidence and stated this case was opened on September 13, 2023. Bergens stated the stucco is cracking and the building is leaning, there is graffiti on the wall and the building is being neglected. Bergens stated a permit would need to be pulled to complete the necessary repairs. Katina Santos – Property Manager Santos stated she has a contractor scheduled to come in and do repairs. Special Magistrate Mitchell found a violation did exist and gave 30 days to pull permits otherwise a fine of \$100 per day would be imposed.

23-175-M Roy A Brown 126 E Townsend Street
Bergens presented photographic evidence and stated this case was opened on September 26, 2023. Bergens stated roof needs to be replaced, the porch is in need of repairs, there is rotten wood on the house and also some windows in need of repair. Katina Santos – Property Manager Santos stated she has tenants in the house that are doing repairs in lieu of paying rent. Special Magistrate Mitchell found a violation did exist and gave until January 31, 2024 to remedy otherwise a fine of \$250 per day would be imposed.

23-176-L Roy A Brown 126 E Townsend Street
Bergens presented photographic evidence of the lot that needs maintenance and stated she has told the tenant what they need to do to remedy this. Special Magistrate Mitchell found a violation did exist and gave 30 days (January 5, 2024) to remedy otherwise a fine of \$100 per day would be imposed.

**23-180-L Vincente Rodriguez 205 Goolsby Street
(Est of) Gloria Rodriguez**
Bergens presented photographic evidence and stated this property has had previous liens and fines.

Special Magistrate Mitchell found a violation did exist and that this was a repeat offender. Mitchell imposed a \$500 administrative cost fee as well as a fine of \$100 per day moving forward.

CERTIFICATION OF FINES / LIENS:

22-095-L **(Est of) Etta & Steve Malone** **510 E Palmetto Street**
Bergens stated the City was filing an abatement lien on this property. Special Magistrate Mitchell reviewed the case file and authorized filing the lien.

23-146-L **(Est of) Etta & Steve Malone** **510 E Palmetto Street**
Bergens stated the City was filing an abatement lien on this property. Special Magistrate Mitchell reviewed the case file and authorized filing the lien.

OLD CASES:

None presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Special Magistrate Mitchell approved the minutes from the September 28, 2023 and October 26, 2023 meetings.

With no further business to discuss, Special Magistrate Mitchell adjourned the hearing at 10:18 a.m.

Special Magistrate Elliott Mitchell

City Clerk Stephanie Camacho