

The City of Wauchula Code Enforcement met for its regularly scheduled hearing on January 25, 2024 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.

OLD CASES:

23-112-M 4:11 Ministries Corp 208 W Orange Street
Bergens testified this case came before the Magistrate at the hearing held on September 28, 2024. At that time, Special Magistrate Mitchell gave the property owner 3 months to come up with a plan for repairs. Bergens also presented photographic evidence and stated that, as of yet, no repairs have been made and no plans have been brought to her attention.
No one was present to testify.
Special Magistrate Mitchell found a violation did exist and gave 60 days (March 29, 2024) to show progress, otherwise a fine would be imposed of \$100 per day.

23-135-M Marilyn Peterson 320 Pennsylvania Avenue
Bergens stated this case was opened in July 2023. Photographic evidence was presented and Bergens testified that the property owner had been diligently working on the violations and the work was almost complete.
Marilyn Peterson was present to testify and requested additional time to finish necessary painting.
Special Magistrate Mitchell granted her an additional 90 days (April 22, 2024).

NEW CASES:

23-179-M Vicente Rodriguez & 205 Goolsby Street
(Est of) Gloria Rodriguez
Bergens provided photographic evidence and testified this case was opened on October 2, 2023 and no repairs had done.
No one was present to testify.
Special Magistrate Mitchell found this owner to be a repeat offender and imposed an immediate fine of \$250 per day until the property is brought into compliance.

23-208-M Mary Ann Hilton 910 Seminole Street
Bergens provided photographic evidence and testified this case was opened on October 30, 2023. Evidence showed green mold and mildew on the home which needed to be cleaned. Bergens stated that she had not had any contact with the property owner and no work has been done.
No one was present to testify.
Special Magistrate Mitchell found a violation did exist and gave 30 days (February 29, 2024) to remedy, otherwise a fine of \$50 per day would be imposed.

23-210-M

**Allen Lester Fowler &
Kathy Lynn Fowler**

907 S 8th Avenue

Bergens provided photographic evidence and testified this case was opened on October 3, 2023. Bergens stated the home had some mold that needed to be removed and some painting to be done. Bergens also stated the owner had made some progress but still needed to complete the maintenance.

No one was present to testify.

Special Magistrate Mitchell found a violation did exist and gave 30 days (February 29, 2024) to remedy, otherwise a fine of \$50 per day would be imposed.

23-217-M

Frederick N Hodges

405 Southerland Street

Bergens provided photographic evidence and testified this case was opened on November 2, 2023. Evidence showed repairs and pressure washing needed on the house and fence.

Frederick Hodges was present to testify and stated he could complete the work in 3 months.

Special Magistrate Mitchell gave until April 22, 2024 to remedy, otherwise a fine of \$100 per day would be imposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Special Magistrate Mitchell approved the minutes from the November 30, 2023 meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Special Magistrate Mitchell adjourned the hearing at 10:25 a.m.

Special Magistrate Elliott Mitchell

City Clerk Stephanie Camacho