

The City of Wauchula Code Enforcement met for its regularly scheduled hearing on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Special Master Dawson called the hearing to order at 3:10 p.m. and administered the oath to those testifying.

Also present at the hearing were Code Enforcement Officer Raina Bergens, and Deputy City Clerk Victoria Thompson.

Code Enforcement Officer Bergens asked to call first those cases in which the respondents were present to testify; Special Master Dawson so ordered.

NEW CASES:

17-018-M Forest Glade LTD 700 E Townsend Street

CE Officer Bergens testified as to the specifics of this case and presented photographic evidence. Pam Merchant, Manager and Elwood Merchant, Maintenance Supervisor, were present to represent the respondent, Forest Glade LTD. CE Officer Bergens wanted to state for the record that there has never been any type of maintenance issue with Mr. Merchant on this property with the exception of the fence. He has maintained the property to the utmost and just needs the funds made available to him to repair or replace the privacy fence. Upon recommendation by Code Enforcement Officer Bergens, Special Master Dawson ordered the respondent, Forest Glade LTD, to comply by May 31, 2017.

If not compliant by that date, fines will be imposed and accrue in the amount of \$100 per day until compliant. A copy of the signed order was immediately given to the Merchants so they could forward it to the property owners.

17-031-L Tanya S Sexton-Webb 317 S 7th Avenue

Code Enforcement Officer Bergens testified to the current situation at this property. It is now compliant but is a constant source of new cases and has been for many years. Code Enforcement Officer Bergens asked for a finding that the violation did exist even though it is now compliant so that it would be given a repeat offense status if the violation occurs again.

No one was present to represent the respondent.

Upon recommendation by Code Enforcement Officer Bergens, Special Master Dawson found the violation did exist and ordered all future offenses of the same nature as cited in this case will be considered repeat offenses and subject to fines as such.

CERTIFICATION OF FINES / LIENS:

16-041-UDB John L Cogburn c/o Gene Cogburn 705 S 8th Avenue

16-042-UDB Gene Edward Cogburn 709 S 8th Avenue

Code Enforcement Officer Bergens presented the Orders Imposing Administrative Costs and reviewed the case histories.

No one was present to represent the respondent.

Special Master Dawson approved and signed the Orders.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS HEARING MINUTES

Special Master Dawson reviewed and approved the minutes of April 19, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no public in the audience to speak.

With no further business to discuss, Special Master Dawson adjourned the hearing at 3:17 p.m.

Special Master Jeffrey S. Dawson

Deputy City Clerk Victoria Thompson