

The City of Wauchula Code Enforcement met for its regularly scheduled hearing on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.

Special Magistrate Dawson called the hearing to order and administered the oath to those testifying at 3:30.

Also present at the hearing were Code Enforcement Officer Raina Bergens, and Kyle Long.

NEW CASES:

18-127-M	704 E Palmetto Street	Cynthia Ann Aguilar & Janie Ann Aguilar
18-145-M	401 S 1 st Avenue	Martina G Castillo
18-147-L	301 E Main Street	Roy A Brown
18-150-L	503 Indiana Avenue	Anna Maria Rodriguez
18-155-L	409 Illinois Avenue	Faustino Jr. & Graciela Trevino
18-190-CV	403 S 9 th Avenue	David & Jessica Nord

18-127-M 704 E Palmetto Street Cynthia Ann Aguilar & Janie Ann Aguilar

Cynthia Aguilar was present to testify in this case.

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Dawson accepted. Bergens explained to Special Magistrate Dawson the case had originally been opened June 28, 2018. Bergens stated the neighbors had removed a fence when they moved and the entire east side of the Aguilar's house had become rotten because of the PVC privacy fence. They have started replacing the rotten wood but due to the cost need additional time. Special Magistrate Dawson asked Aguilar how much time she needed to complete the work. Aguilar replied it has taken some time to save the money to fix the house and explained all the repairs that needed to be done. Special Magistrate Dawson extended the compliance date for this case to January 31, 2019 with no fines.

18-145-M 401 S 1st Avenue Martina G Castillo

Martina Castillo was present to testify in this case.

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Dawson accepted. Bergens stated Ms. Castillo has applied for assistance to help fix her residence and currently is on the waiting list. Bergens explained Castillo will need time and she did not know how much time she would need. Bergens asked for Special Magistrate Dawson's guidance. Special Magistrate Dawson replied do you want to continue this and not making a finding until we have more information on what is going on with the assistance. Bergens agreed. Special Magistrate Dawson stated we will continue this case until we find out what assistance they will be given. Bergens asked Special Magistrate Dawson a timeframe and he replied it is at your discretion.

18-147-L 301 E Main Street Roy A Brown

CE Officer Bergens testified for the record this case is compliant and closed; no discussion was held.

18-150-L 503 Indiana Avenue Anna Maria Rodriguez

Anna Maria Rodriguez was present to testify in this case.

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Dawson accepted. Bergens explained to Special Magistrate Dawson the case was opened on August 2, 2018. Bergens explained the County has a case on this property regarding the shed and she is in the process of tearing it down. Bergens stated Rodriguez is overwhelmed with all of the stuff she has to do with the lot clean up and tearing down the shed. Bergens informed Special Magistrate Dawson she does not object to giving Rodriguez more time to give the lot cleaned up. Special Magistrate Dawson asked Rodriguez how much time she needed. Rodriguez replied a week. Bergens stated she did not object to giving her more time. Special Magistrate Dawson stated we will just get a summary disposition where it gives her more time that basically says yes there is a violation. Bergens suggested giving Rodriguez until next month's meeting. Special Magistrate Dawson extended the compliance date for this case to November 2, 2018 with no fines.

18-155-L

409 Illinois Avenue

Faustino Jr. & Graciela Trevino

CE Officer Bergens testified for the record this case is compliant and closed; no discussion was held.

18-190-CV

403 S 9th Avenue

David & Jessica Nord

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Dawson accepted. Bergens stated this is the address where the semi has been parking. Bergens stated the truck is not parked there today but give it a few days and it will be back. Bergens informed Special Magistrate Dawson she had been instructed by her boss to bring this before him and have something done. Bergens informed Special Magistrate Dawson the property owners had taken this issue to the City Commission previously and the Commission told them it was not allowed. Special Magistrate Dawson stated he is going to find that a violation existed but has been remedy and any future violation you can treat as a repeat. Bergens stated that is how we did the last case like this, however we did fine them. Special Magistrate Dawson replied next time yes, however from this point forward since we found a violation existed, when it is a repeat you do not have to give them a notice and a chance to cure, so next time you can impose a fine on them as a repeat offender.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no one in the audience to speak.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS HEARING MINUTES

Special Magistrate Dawson reviewed and made corrections to the minutes from the August 1, 2018 hearing.

With no further business to discuss, Special Magistrate Dawson adjourned the hearing at 3:49 p.m.

Special Master Jeffrey S. Dawson

City Clerk Holly Smith