

Okeechobee County Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Hearing

February 16, 2016 Minutes

The hearing of the Okeechobee County Code Enforcement Special Magistrate, Deborah Hooker, took place at the Okeechobee County Health Department Auditorium and was called to order at 2:07 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

The following county staff members were present:

Beth Albert, Code Enforcement Officer
Rollo Ridley, Code Enforcement Officer
Jennifer Kinard, Code Enforcement Officer
Brandi Cowing, Secretary to the Special Magistrate
Laura McCall, County Attorney

After the Pledge of Allegiance and a brief introduction statement, Magistrate Hooker swore in the Code Officers.

Code Officer Ridley stated the following cases are in compliance.

Old Business: Roger Ethier

Case number: 1507-0076

Special Magistrate Hooker approved and signed the minutes from the November 17, 2015 and January 19, 2016 hearings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Case number 1503-0048 for Donald W. Brown was called.

Donald W. Brown and Donald W. Brown's son, Jerry Brown, were present for this case.

Officer Jennifer Kinard presented the case for the property located at 2461 NE 6th Street which was cited for storage of shipping containers on property, section 10.02.02L. This case was previously heard by Magistrate on January 19, 2016 and Respondent was ordered to comply by February 11, 2016 by removing the storage of shipping containers, tents, etc.

Officer Kinard offered several supporting documents into evidence.

Magistrate Hooker found the Respondent to be in violation of section 10.02.02L and issued an order for the property to be in compliance by May 12, 2016 by way of removing shipping containers.

Case number 1411-0003 for Angus J. Freeman & Veronica J. Freeman was called.

Angus J. Freeman was present for this case.

Officer Beth Albert presented the case for the property located at 1546 NW 106th St, which was cited for condition of building nuisances, section 10.04.00E and International Property Maintenance Code, section 8.00.00G. This case was previously heard by Magistrate on January 19, 2016 and Respondent was ordered to comply by February 11, 2016 by obtaining a permit for the roof. Respondent has obtained the permit and work on the roof has started. Respondent requests more time to have the roof repaired.

Officer Albert offered several supporting documents into evidence.

Magistrate Hooker found the Respondent to be in violation of sections 10.04.00E and 8.00.00G and issued an order for the property to be in compliance by April 14, 2016.

Case number 1507-0013 for Federico Rios & Jose Rios was called.

No party was present for this case.

Officer Rollo Ridley presented the case for the property located at 3711 SE 28th St, which was cited for Discolored Exterior Surface, section 10.04.00B and Overgrown Weeds, Grass, Bushes or Shrubs, section 10.02.02K. Mr. David Feltonberger has reclaimed the property. Overgrowth was brought into compliance, but not the discoloration. Extension requested.

Officer Ridley offered several supporting documents into evidence.

Magistrate Hooker found the Respondent to be in violation of sections 10.04.00B and 10.02.02K and issued an order for the property to be in compliance by April 14, 2016.

Case number 1510-0013 for Mauro Seca & Gloria Seca was called.

No party was present for this case.

Officer Jennifer Kinard presented the case for the property located at 3632 NW 23rd Ave, which was cited for Inoperable/Abandoned Vehicles, section 10.02.02B, Trash and Debris, section 10.02.02D, Outdoor Storage, section 10.02.02L and Overgrown Weeds, Grass, Bushes or Shrubs, section 10.02.02K. Property has achieved some compliance, but it is still in violation. Fine of \$25.00 a day requested.

Officer Kinard offered several supporting documents into evidence.

Magistrate Hooker found the Respondent to be in violation of sections 10.02.02B, 10.02.02D, 10.02.02L and 10.02.02K and ordered a fine to be imposed in the amount of \$25.00 per day starting February 17, 2016. This will be filed at the Clerk of Court.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brandi Cowing, Secretary to Special Magistrate

Date

Deborah M. Hooker, Special Magistrate

Date