

The City of Wauchula Code Enforcement met for its regularly scheduled hearing on January 25, 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, Community Development Director Kyle Long and City Clerk Holly Smith.

Old Case – 22-035-M

503 Indiana Avenue

Anna Maria Rodriguez

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Mitchell accepted. CE Officer Bergens stated the property was still not in compliance. Special Magistrate Mitchell stated his findings were a violation existed and gave until February 5th for total compliance or a \$50 a day fine would be imposed until brought into total compliance. Rodriguez walked into the meeting at 10:02 a.m. Special Magistrate Mitchell administered the oath to Rodriguez. Special Magistrate Mitchell advised Rodriguez he had just made his ruling but asked her to present her case to him. Rodriguez addressed Special Magistrate Mitchell and stated she had missed the last hearing date due to work. Rodriguez explained Hurricane Ian caused the porches to separate from her house and she was waiting to hear back from the adjuster. Rodriguez stated two adjusters and an engineer had been to her house but she was unsure if the damage was going to be covered. Rodriguez added she had mold damage and her car had been total after the hurricane. . Special Magistrate Mitchell stated his findings were a violation existed and gave until February 15th to finish painting the trim or a \$50 a day fine would be imposed until brought into total compliance.

NEW CASES:

New Case – 22-135-L

814 Louisiana Street

JKL Solutions

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Mitchell accepted. No one was in attendance for this case. Bergens stated the case was opened on August 20, 2022. Bergens stated she would send a violation and the neighbor would mow the yard because it was so high. Bergens stated she advised the neighbor to stop mowing it. Bergens explained the City has mowed, fined and has a lien on the property. Bergens noted before the meeting she received a call from Angie at JKL Solutions and paid the \$1700 fine. Bergens stated Angie told her the property would be mowed on Saturday. . Special Magistrate Mitchell stated his findings were a violation existed and gave until February 5th for total compliance or a \$50 a day fine would be imposed until brought into total compliance.

New Case – 22-162-2

908 S. 6th Avenue

JSC Roofing

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Mitchell accepted. Bergens gave a history of the case. Bergens stated yard signs were put throughout the City pre and post Hurricane Ian. Bergens stated she had picked up approximately 130-150 signs. No one was in attendance for this case. Special Magistrate Mitchell reviewed the City ULDC. Special Magistrate Mitchell stated his findings were a violation existed and gave 10 days (February 5th) to remove all signs from the City's right of ways. Special Magistrate Mitchell stated for total compliance in this matter the removal of all JSC signs posted in the City limits. Special Magistrate Mitchell advised Bergens to make sure she documented the violation and a fine of \$25 per sign could be imposed after February 5th.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS HEARING MINUTES:

The September 22, 2022 minutes will be sent to Special Magistrate Mitchell for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no one in the audience to speak.

With no further business to discuss, Special Magistrate Mitchell adjourned the hearing at 10:30 a.m.

Special Master Elliott Mitchell

City Clerk Holly Smith