

**Code Enforcement Hearing
Minutes
August 4, 2021**

Present: D. John Morgeson Jr., Special Magistrate
Officer Carrie Long
Kaley Burleson, Deputy City Clerk
Debra Babb-Knutcher, City Attorney

1. Call to Order/Rules of Procedure

Special Magistrate D. John Morgeson Jr. called the Code Enforcement Hearing to order at 2:00 p.m. He stated that formal rules of evidence do not apply and fundamental fairness will be afforded to all. After hearing all of the relevant evidence a verbal order will be issued which will be reduced to writing and mailed to all participants. The order of the presentation will begin with the City presenting their evidence of the alleged violation(s) and then the Respondent shall present his/her case. All witnesses offering testimony or presenting evidence will be required to swear or affirm that the testimony they provide is the truth.

Carrie Long, Code Enforcement Officer, requested to hear Agenda Item B before Agenda Item A.

Mr. Morgeson inquired of any objection. He heard none.

2. Administration of Oath to Defendants/Witnesses

Special Magistrate Morgeson instructed the audience members who wished to testify, to stand and be sworn in by the Deputy Clerk. The Deputy Clerk administered the oath.

3. Additions, Deletions, Modifications

4. Cases

- A. Case # 5-14-5292
- Case # 1-11-3915
- Case # 1-08-2523
- Case # 6-05-1153
- Case # 11-11-4194
- Case # 1-08-2522
- Case # 1-13-4639
- Case # 1-11-3914
- Case # 7-13-4811
- Case # 04-19-08529
- Lien Reduction Request
- Owner Information: Enviromental Holdings of Florida LLC
- Loc. Address: 0 N Volusia Avenue
- RE: Lien Reduction Request

Carrie Long, Code Enforcement Officer, stated that Wesley K Jones, Attorney representing Environmental Holdings Florida LLC, has submitted a Lien Reduction Request.

A discussed ensued between Mr. Morgeson and Ms. Babb-Knutcher regarding outstanding lien amounts.

Wesley K. Jones Esq., Glausier Knight Jones Attorneys at Law, came forward to state that all properties are in compliance and all existing liens were acquired by previous property owners. He requested the lien amount be reduced to \$500.00 and for all cases to be considered resolved.

Jon Frantz, property owner, came forward to state that he strives to keep all properties owned by him within compliance of City Code. He stated that he is trying to resolve all liens that were acquired by the previous property owners.

Staff's Recommendation: Ms. Long stated that staff recommends the Magistrate grant the lien reduction and lower amount owed to \$3,597.24 to be paid to the City within 30 days.

Mr. Morgeson ordered that based upon the testimony and evidence presented and having otherwise considered the various factors contained in Orange City Code Section 2-137, it is **HEREBY ORDERED** that any remaining liens stemming from the above-referenced cases be collectively reduced to the entire sum of **THREE THOUSAND AND 00-100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00)**, which payment in part includes any and all recording fees. Failure to pay this total reduced amount within thirty (30) days of the date of this order will result in the liens reverting to their original amounts.

B. Case # 9-18-8237
9-18-8238
Lien Reduction Request
Owner Information: Sanju Taneja
Loc Address: 628 Dixson Street
RE: Lien Reduction Request

(Agenda Item B was moved in front of Agenda Item A due to City Staffs request)

Carrie Long, Code Enforcement officer, stated that George Trovato, Attorney representing Sanju Taneja, has submitted a Lien Reduction Request. She stated all violations have been brought into compliance.

George Trovato Esq., Attorney representing Sanju Taneja, came forward to request the lien amount be reduced to \$2000.00.

Mr. Morgeson opened public hearing. Seeing none, Mr. Morgeson closed the public hearing.

Staff's Recommendation: Ms. Long stated that staff recommends the Magistrate grant the lien reduction and lower amount owed to \$2,587.50 (\$1,000 per lien and Attorney/title work \$587.50) to be paid to the city within 30 days.

Mr. Morgeson ordered that based upon the testimony and evidence presented and having otherwise considered the various factors contained in Orange City Code Section 2-137, it is **HEREBY ORDERED** that the liens be collectively reduced to the entire sum of **TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN AND FIFTY/DOLLARS (\$2587.50)**, which payment in part includes any and all recording fees. Failure to pay this total reduced amount within thirty (30) days of the date of this order will result in the liens reverting to their original amounts.

Adjournment

There being no further cases to discuss, the hearing was adjourned at 2:51p.m.