CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

Special Magistrate Hearing
August 7, 2024

The Special Magistrate held a hearing formal session at 9:00am, Wednesday, August 7, 2024, in the Alcazar Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Becky Vose, Special Magistrate, and the following were present:

Becky Vose, Special Magistrate

Staff Present:

April Owen, Assistant City Attorney
Richard "Buddy" Schauland, Building Official
Barry Fox, Code Enforcement Manager
James Tomaselli, Code Enforcement Officer
Curtis Boles, Code Enforcement Officer
Morganne Lanni, Code Enforcement Officer
Emily Howington, Administrative Coordinator, Recording

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2. **INTRODUCTION TO Becky Vose, SPECIAL MAGISTRATE**

3. **SWEARING IN OF STAFF**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
The July 3rd and June 5th minutes were approved.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Bj kaladi w city st Augustine. Asked about commenting on items on the agenda.

6. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**
Barry Fox requested the Special Magistrate remove case CE2024-0240 on 208 Alcazar Street, fine assignment hearing item 7b. The item was removed from the agenda.

7. **REVIEW OF NEW CASES**

a. **CE2024-0337**
Shanks Mary Joe Living Trust Etal
Kingwood Essie Estelle
Jones James Arthur
Jones Wayne Alexander
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Reese Jimmy Lee Paul
Blount Rhonda Lavone
100 Fred Waters Way
Ch. 8 Sec. 3-1-Property maintenance code

Barry Fox provided case information and James Tomaselli gave testimony. On April 7, 2024, staff observed rubbish and debris including a mattress. The boards on the on windows had been removed. Notice of Violation sent April 26, 2024, the property owner was given 10 days to correct the violation. On July 20, 2024, staff reinspected, and the property remained same. On July 20, 2024, a Notice of Hearing was sent. The respondents were not present at the meeting.

MOTION
The Special Magistrate issued an Order Finding in Violation and allowed the property ten days to come into compliance by boarding up the windows and if not met a fine up to $250 day will be issued.

b. **CE2024-0393**
Indigo Partners LLC
Sea Breeze Homes of the First Coast LLC
Nahmias Scot
Finn Kevin
Zentko Gene
125 Spoonbill Point Ct
Ch. 25 Sec. 25-56- Tree removal and replacement.

Barry Fox relayed case information and James Tomaselli gave testimony. On May 16, 2024, staff observed several trees had been removed from the lot. Notice of Violation sent on May 17, 2024. Notice of Hearing issued. Becky Vose asked Barry Fox about details of requirements for replacing cedar trees. Respondent is present Kevin Finn, 107 Vedra landing court. Becky Vose asked respondent about plans for replacement trees.

MOTION
The Special Magistrate issued an Order Finding in Violation and issued a $500 fine and required a replacement with two red cedar trees according to city code requirements and gave 45 days for compliance.

8. **REVIEW OF PREVIOUSLY HEARD CASES**

a . **CE2024-0227**
Bicknell Family Trust
Bicknell Lee
19 Milton St
Ch. 19 Sec. 19-3- Unlawful conditions.

Barry Fox provided case information and updates April 9 significant efforts made but remained in violation. Case tabled in July. August 6 property is still in violations. Barry fox state improvements still have been made and the goal is compliance. Presented Becky Vose with letter from a member of the church neighboring the property, the letter was read on the record. Respondent is present, lee Bicknell, 19 Milton Street.

MOTION
The Special Magistrate tabled the case to the September hearing.

a. **CE2024-0240**
Sinclair Jason
Sinclair Kelley
208 alcazar St
Ch. 8 Sec 608

This item was removed from agenda.

b. **CE2022-0217**

Valerie Lee Properties LLC
Lee Valerie
38 White St E
Ch. 8 Sec. 8-608- Permit required.

Barry Fox relayed case information and provided updates. On June 6, 2022, staff observed exterior staircase built with no permit. The fine threshold of 50,000 has been reached and not been paid and property was not in compliance Respondent is present, Valerie Lee, 23 Grove Ave stated she had not received notices. Staff presented receipts from certified mail notices to Becky Vose.

MOTION
The Special Magistrate tabled case until September 4.

c. **CE2024-0268**
Roots Construction Group
Largay Joseph
6 S Whitney St.
Ch. 28-Sec.337-Parking, storage or use of major recreational equipment.

Barry Fox relayed case information and provided updates. On July 9th property came into compliance by removing the pontoon boat from the property.

MOTION
The Special Magistrate stated staff may close the case administratively.

d. **CE2024-0331**
Rast Delana I
35 San Marco Ave
Ch. 8 Sec. 301-Property maintenance code.

Barry Fox relayed case information and provided updates. The property came into compliance on July 18th, 2024, by correcting violation securing electrical wiring.

MOTION
The Special Magistrate issued an ordered closing case for compliance.

9. **CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**
None
10. **OTHER BUSINESS**
None

11. **ADJOURNMENT**
10:03AM

EMILY HOWINGTON
Notary Public-State of Florida
Commission # HH 305930
My Commission Expires
August 28, 2026

Becky Vose, Special Magistrate

Emily Howington, Administrative Coordinator, Recording Secretary