

**Special Magistrate Hearing  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 15, 2021  
2:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers**

**A. CALL TO ORDER OF THE HEARING SESSION**

Special Magistrate Recca Rene Youell called the Special Magistrate Hearing to order at 2:01 p.m. and led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff present: Code Enforcement Officer Chris Strawn, City Manager Robert Thompson, and City Clerk Maryanne Schrader.

**B. STATEMENT ADDRESSED TO RESPONDENTS AND WITNESSES OF PROCEDURES OF HEARINGS**

Special Magistrate R. Youell briefly presented the rules of the Court and introduced Chris Strawn Code Enforcement Officer and swore in the respondents.

**C. DOCKET:**

**FINDINGS OF FACT CASES**

1. Case 2020-0000049  
Physical Address of Parcel: 330 East Main Avenue, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435  
Parcel: 36-3N-19-19050-000-0260  
Property Owner: Carolyn Clear  
Mailing Address: 295 Boy Scout Road, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435  
Violations: Chapter 14, Section 14-2. -Nuisances and Hazardous or Insanitary Conditions General Requirements and Chapter 14, Section 14-3. - Violations enumerated

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Strawn presented Case 2020-0000049 for the following violations: Violations: Chapter 14, Section 14-2. -Nuisances and Hazardous or Insanitary Conditions General Requirements and Chapter 14, Section 14-3. - Violations enumerated.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Strawn stated the property located at 330 East Main Avenue is in the city limits.

He went over the visual of the violations and provided dates of the violations at the address property. He noted the property is within the city limits. He sent notices of violations to the homeowner and provided the dates of the 30-day extensions, noting that he provided five extensions. He noted the dates of violations to the homeowner. He noted the notice for the

Hearing via certified mail. He also noted the City Clerk posted the Notice of Hearing on the City Hall front door and delivered proper notice.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Strawn recommended that the homeowner bring the property into compliance within 30 days, arrange for a reinspection and requested a \$50 a day fine until the property is brought into compliance.

Special Magistrate R. Youell accepted the presentation for the record.

Carolyn Clear of 295 Boy Scout Road approached the Bench stating the property is actually her daughters.

Kristan Davis of 253 College Road, stated her goal was to make the house a rental. She is in the process of preparing the home for rental and asked for a 60-day extension.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Strawn agreed with a 90-day extension. Special Magistrate R. Youell suggested that Ms. Davis work with the Code Enforcement Officer to get the property back to Code.

Special Magistrate R. Youell announced the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order are made part of the record ruling.

Special Magistrate R. Youell rendered her decision on the case. She found the property is not in compliance. The finding of 330 East Main Avenue is subject to the Code of Ordinances, the owner was properly notified, the homeowner is to correct the violations within 90 days from today and to maintain contact with Code Enforcement, have the property re-inspected, and a fine of \$50 a day after the 90-day extension is ordered until it is brought into compliance.

### NON-COMPLIANCE CASES

1. Case 2020-0000067

Physical Address of Parcel: Vann Avenue, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

Parcel: 25-3N-19-19070-001-624F

Property Owner: Matthew Jereme Ash & Shawn Bradley Holloway

Mailing Address: 66 East Dorsey Avenue, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

Violations: Chapter 14, Section 14-3 - Violations enumerated, Chapter 18, Section 18-53 - Travel trailers, mobile homes and manufactured homes, and Chapter 18, Section 18-58.1. - Wrecked, junked, abandoned vehicles and other property

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Strawn called in the Hall for the Respondent, Matthew Jereme Ash & Shawn Bradley Holloway, with no response.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Strawn presented Case 2020-0000067 for property located on Vann Avenue, which is in the city limits for the following violations: Chapter 14, Section 14-3 -

Violations enumerated, Chapter 18, Section 18-53 - Travel trailers, mobile homes and manufactured homes, and Chapter 18, Section 18-58.1. - Wrecked, junked, abandoned vehicles and other property.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Strawn said the property is within the city limits. He went over the dates of the violations. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, the violations were heard before the Court. It was to be brought into compliance within thirty days on or before June 5, 2021. He went over the notices of violations posted on the property, certified mail that was sent, and noted the Notice of Hearing posted at City Hall. He personally delivered the Notice to the occupant and stated the occupants are living in the RV on the property.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Strawn asked that the fine of \$4,000 continue and assess \$100 a day until the property is brought into compliance.

Special Magistrate R. Youell accepted the presentation for the record.

Special Magistrate R. Youell announced the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order are made part of the record ruling.

Special Magistrate R. Youell rendered her decision on the case. A fine of \$4,000 has accrued, the \$100 a day fine will continue to accrue by the Order of May 20, 2021, and the respondents will need to contact the Code Enforcement office to prove compliance, as well as a lien placed on the property.

1. Case: 2020-0000068

Physical Address of Parcel: 32 South 21st Street, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

Parcel: 25-3N-19-19070-001-8310

Property Owner: Robin Kent Padgett

Mailing Address: 327 Shoemaker Drive, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32433

Violations: Chapter 14, Section 14-2. -Nuisances and Hazardous or Insanitary

Conditions General Requirements and Chapter 14, Section 14-3. - Violations enumerated

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Strawn called the Halls for the Respondent, Robin Kent Padgett, with no response.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Strawn presented Case 2020-0000068 for the following violations: Violations: Chapter 14, Section 14-2. -Nuisances and Hazardous or Insanitary Conditions General Requirements and Chapter 14, Section 14-3. - Violations enumerated.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Strawn stated the property located at 32 South 21st Street is in the city limits and the property owner is Kent Padgett.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Strawn went over the dates of violations. He said the Order the respondent was to take corrective action on or before April 19, 2021, to get the property into

compliance. He went over the notices of violations posted on the property, the certified mail that was sent, and the Notice of Hearing was posted at City Hall.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Strawn found a cure of \$17,300 with \$200 a day fine until the property is brought into compliance. He added there are eight trailers on the property.

Special Magistrate R. Youell accepted the presentation for the record.

Special Magistrate R. Youell announced the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order are made part of the record ruling.

Special Magistrate R. Youell rendered her decision on the case. The Order issued continues a fine \$17,300 and a fine of \$200 a day continues until the owners bring the property into compliance and a lien has been placed on the property.

2. Case 2020-0000109

Physical Address of Parcel: 76 Dorsey Avenue, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

Parcel: 36-3N-19-19050-000-0043

Property Owner: Dixon Phillip

Mailing Address: 7401 Blackmon Road, Apt 3501, Columbus, GA 31909

Violations: Chapter 5, Section 5-21. – Unsafe Structures and Chapter 14, Section 14-3 -  
Violations enumerated

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Strawn called the Hall for the Respondent, Dixon Phillip, with no response.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Strawn presented Case 2020-0000109 and stated the property located at 76 Dorsey Avenue is in the city limits. He went over the following violations:  
Violations: Chapter 5, Section 5-21. – Unsafe Structures and Chapter 14, Section 14-3 -  
Violations enumerated.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Strawn stated an Order was issued for the property that on or before June 5, 2021, the respondent must take corrective action until the property was brought into compliance. He went over the dates that the owner would need to bring the property into compliance. He went over the notices of violations posted on the property, certified mail that was sent, and that the Notice of Hearing was posted at City Hall.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Strawn found the cure of \$4,000 and a fine of \$100 a day until the property is brought into compliance.

Special Magistrate R. Youell accepted the presentation for the record.

Special Magistrate R. Youell announced the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order are made part of the record ruling.

Special Magistrate R. Youell rendered her decision on the case.

Special Magistrate R. Youell went over the original Order, noted the non-compliance notice, a fine of \$4,000 has accrued and will continue to accrue at \$100 a day until the property is brought into compliance, as well as a lien placed on the property.

**COMPLIANCE CASES**

- 1. Case 2020-0000028  
 Physical Address of Parcel: Andrews Avenue, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32433  
 Parcel: 25-3N-19-19070-001-530J  
 Property Owner: Clifton Russell and Terry Lynn Cox  
 Mailing Address: 41 Lolley Road, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32433  
 Violations: Chapter 14, Section 14-2. -Nuisances and Hazardous or  
 Insanitary Conditions General Requirements and Chapter 14, Section 14-3. -  
 Violations enumerated

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Strawn called in the Chambers for the Respondent, Clifton Russell, and Terry Lynn Cox, with no response.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Strawn stated the property has been brought into compliance and asked that the Order be removed adding the \$1,525 fine was paid.

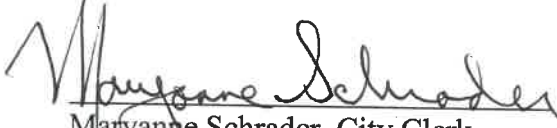
Special Magistrate R. Youell read the parcel number 25-3N-19-19070-001-530J for 41 Lolley Road stating the property has been brought into compliance and the fine of \$1,525 has been paid. For the record, Clifton Russell and Terry Lynn Cox are the property owners.

Special Magistrate R. Youell accepted the presentation for the record.

**D. ADJOURN**

Special Magistrate R. Youell adjourned the Hearing at 2:38 p.m.

  
The Honorable Magistrate Recca Rene Youell

  
Maryanne Schrader, City Clerk  
*Proper Notice having been duly given*

