



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

Code Compliance Division

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KEY WEST, FL 33041
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AMENDED NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

DATE: February 6, 2018
RE: CASE NUMBER 18-00000030

CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT#: 7017 1070 0000 0343 2841

To: **Property owners**
Lee F. Bennett & Melanie Bennett
137 Pioneer Drive
Leesville, SC 29070--8403

Subject Address: **Location of code violations**
2811 Staples Avenue
Key West, FL 33040

TAKE NOTICE that the City of Key West Code Compliance Division has requested the City of Key West Special Magistrate to conduct an administrative hearing regarding code violation(s) reported to you by **NOTICE OF CODE VIOLATION** concerning the above noted subject address. You were noticed that your property is in violation of the City of Key West Code of Ordinances for the following reason(s):

COUNT 1-5

Sec. 14-37. - Building permits; professional plans; display of permits; address; exceptions.

(a)

Building permit required; display. Building permits shall be procured from the chief building official before performance of any work or construction of any character, whether permanent or temporary. Within 48 hours after it is issued, the applicant must cause the permit to be posted and displayed at the work site so that it is readily visible from an adjacent public street throughout the term of the work. No work shall be performed unless a proper permit is so posted.

Inspections may not be performed if the permit is not posted and address numbers are not a minimum of 4" high and clearly visible from the street.

Exception 1: Total contract price less than \$1,000.00 per FBC Sect. 105.2.2 Minor Repairs. Ordinary minor repairs may be made with the approval of the chief building official without a building permit, provided the repairs do not include the cutting away of any wall, partition or portion thereof, the removal or cutting of any structural beam or load-bearing support, or the removal or change of any required means of egress, or rearrangements of parts of a structure affecting the egress requirements; additionally, ordinary minor repairs shall not include addition to, alteration of, replacement or relocation of any standpipe, water supply, sewer, drainage, drain leader, gas, soil, waste, vent or similar piping, electrical circuit wiring systems or mechanical equipment or other work affecting public health or general safety, and such repairs shall not violate any of the provisions of the technical codes.

Any new electrical circuits or wiring will require a permit.

Any new plumbing fixtures or piping will require a permit.

Exception 2: Painting, both interior and exterior, residential or commercial does not require a permit. Tile repair or installation, floor covering, including carpet, laminate, resilient, and wood, both residential and commercial, do not require a permit.

Work that falls under the \$1,000.00 threshold for a building permit may be performed only by the property owner or a licensed contractor. Unlicensed workers, including 'handymen' are not allowed to conduct any type of work to a residential or commercial structure.

(b)

Professional plans required. Professional plans shall be required as follows:

(1)

Plans for work requiring a building permit shall be submitted in multiple sets, as determined by the chief building official, to the chief building official and shall be prepared by, and bear the seal of, an architect or structural engineer duly registered in the state, except if the work is by the owner-occupant upon a one- or two-family residence, and the work is cosmetic, nonstructural repair, alteration or addition.

(2)

Notwithstanding subsection (b)(1) of this section, plans for work which requires a building permit and which involves mechanical, plumbing or electrical repairs, alterations or additions shall be prepared by and shall bear the impress seal of an engineer duly registered in the state, as reasonably required in the interest of health and safety by the chief building official.

(3)

The chief building official may waive the requirements in [subsection] (b)(1) and/or (2) by special permission.

(Code 1986, § 31.010; Ord. No. 15-06, § 1, 4-7-2015)

COUNT 2-5

FBC P2503.1 Inspections. –

New plumbing work and parts of existing systems affected by new work or alterations shall be inspected by the building official to ensure compliance with the requirements of this code.

COUNT 3-5

Sec. 66-87. - Business tax receipt required for all holding themselves out to be engaged in business.



No person shall engage in, manage, carry on or practice, wholly or in part, within the city limits, any business, profession or occupation without first procuring a city business tax receipt. For the purposes of this article, any person holding himself out to the public by sign, printed matter, telephone directory classified section, city directory or otherwise as being engaged in business or as offering services or property to the public for a consideration, regardless of whether such person actually transacts any business or practices a profession, shall be considered as engaging in business and shall be liable for a business tax receipt fee thereon.

(Code 1986, § 91.01; Res. No. 06-292, § 1, 9-6-2006)

COUNT 4-5

Sec. 90-363. - Certificate of occupancy—Required.

No land or building or part thereof erected or altered in its use or structure after the effective date of the ordinance from which this section derives shall be used until the chief building official shall have issued a certificate of occupancy stating that such land, building, or part thereof and the proposed use thereof are found to be in conformity with the provisions of the land development regulations. Development permits shall also be required as provided in section 90-356. It shall be the duty of the chief building official to make a final inspection of the building or premises and to issue a certificate of occupancy if the land, building or part thereof and the proposed use thereof are found to conform with the land development regulations or, if such certificate is refused, to state such refusal in writing together with the cause. Failure to obtain a certificate of occupancy shall be deemed a violation of the land development regulations.

(Ord. No. 97-10, § 1(1-2.3(H)), 7-3-1997; Ord. No. 98-14, § 3, 5-5-1998)

COUNT 5-5

Sec. 58-61. - Determination and levy of charge.

(a)

The city commission shall determine, fix and levy upon all improved properties within the city a solid waste charge for the availability of waste collection, transfer and disposal service as set forth in this chapter.

(b)

The fact that any residential or commercial unit located in the city is occupied or is capable of being occupied shall be prima facie evidence that garbage or solid waste is being produced or accumulated upon such premises. Temporary vacancy, regardless of duration, shall not constitute grounds for a refund or excuse the nonpayment of any solid waste charge. A solid waste charge for waste collection and disposal shall be levied against all existing and newly constructed residential or commercial units for which a certificate of occupancy is required.

(Code 1986, § 73.02(a), (b))

TO WIT: Notice of code violation was mailed on January 10th, 2018. Good service was received on January 24th, 2018. As of today February 6th, 2018, there has been no progress towards compliance.

CORRECTIVE ACTION: Please visit our Planning Department to apply for a lawful unit determination and our Licensing Department to apply for a business tax receipt to continue to rent property non-transiently.



In accordance with Florida Statutes § 162 and Code of Ordinances, City of Key West, § 2-631 through § 2-647, The City of Key West has scheduled a hearing to be held at **City Hall, 1300 White Street, Key West, Florida at 1:30 P.M. on:**

March 28, 2018

The Chambers will be open at 1:00 PM. These proceedings may be televised.

The purpose of this hearing is to determine if a violation(s) exists, the appropriate action to be taken, if any is required, and if any fines or penalties are to be imposed. **YOU ARE REQUESTED TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING** to present evidence and/or testimony to show cause, if any, why you should not comply with City Ordinances. **YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR MAY RESULT IN A FINE OR PENALTY BEING IMPOSED AGAINST YOU AND A LIEN BEING IMPOSED UPON YOUR PROPERTY.**


You have a right to have an attorney present at the hearing. If an attorney represents you, your attorney must file written notice with this office prior to the hearing date.

If you intend to request a continuance from the Hearing Date set out above you must submit a written request for a continuance addressed to the Special Magistrate and mailed to PO Box 1409, Key West, FL 33041 or delivered to the Special Magistrate's Legal Analyst at 1300 White Street, Key West, FL 33040. All requests must be received at least five (5) working days prior to the Hearing Date set out above. If the request is not received five (5) working days prior to the Hearing Date you or your attorney must appear on the Hearing Date to petition the Special Magistrate for a continuance. If any continuance is granted this will not stay discovery and all records previously requested must be supplied to the City or formally objected to.

Be advised that, if you decide to appeal any decision of the Special Magistrate in this code enforcement hearing, you shall be responsible to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings of this code enforcement hearing is made, such that any evidence and testimony upon which an appeal may be based can be submitted to the appellate court.

If you are found to be in violation of City of Key West Ordinances, administrative costs in the amount of **\$250.00** may be levied for administrative recovery for prosecution and investigation in addition to levied fines associated with the violation(s). **Failure to pay these costs will result in a lien against the property in violation.**

PER FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 162.09, YOUR FAILURE TO CORRECT THE VIOLATION (S) MAY RESULT IN THE IMPOSITION OF A FINE OF UP TO \$250.00/DAY, AND \$500.00/DAY FOR A REPEAT VIOLATION. IF THE VIOLATION (S) IS IRREPARABLE OR IRREVERSIBLE, A FINE OF UP TO \$5000.00 MAY BE IMPOSED BY THE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE. FINES MAY BE IMPOSED ON A PER DAY/ PER VIOLATION BASIS.


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