

## THE CITY OF KEY WEST Code Compliance Division

P.O. BOX 1409 KEY WEST, FL 33041 (305) 809-3740

## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

DATE: January 24, 2012

RE: CASE NUMBER 11-00001530

CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT#:

RA 996 462 148 US

To:

Larry Z & Helen Barcza PO Box 1510 Bradford, ON L3Z 2B8 Canada Subject Address: 1700 Bahama Drive 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 - Sec. 74-141. - Separate building sewers required; exception.

A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every building; except that where one building stands at the rear of another on an interior lot and no private sewer is available or can be constructed to the rear building through an adjoining alley, courtyard, or driveway, the building sewer from the front building may be extended to the rear building and the whole considered as one building sewer.

To wit: In December, 2011, during a sewer lateral repair at 1704 Bahama Drive, it was discovered that the sewer lateral from 1700 Bahama Drive is connected into the neighboring sewer lateral.

Count 2 - Sec. 74-131. - Required where public sewer available.

The owner of any house, building or property used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purposes situated within the city and abutting on any street, alley, or right-of-way in which there is located or may be located a city public sanitary or combined sewer is required at his expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein and to connect such facilities directly with the proper public sewer in accordance with this article, as provided in section 74-100(b).

To wit: Per Count 1, existing sewer lateral at subject property is connected to neighbor's lateral connecting to the City's Sanitary system and is not directly connected as required by code.

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 **Old City Hall**, **510 Greene Street**, **Key West**, **Florida at 1:30 P.M. on**:

## February 29, 2012

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 3139 Riviera Drive, 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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Code Compliance Officer

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