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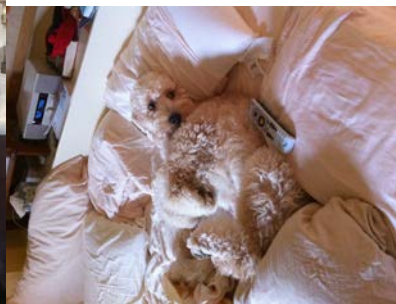
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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to request mitigation of the fines relating to case 10-522. The code compliance issue originally came to light when a local licensed contractor replaced a pool heater in our back yard in the same location as the original heater, but did not file a permit. It was subsequently determined that the previous owner of our property had located the pool equipment within the five foot setback, and had never had his pool permit closed out. This led to code asking us to find a solution to move the equipment. Because of the location of the pool and property, we ended up having to redesign the pool at great expense to accommodate relocation of the equipment. We also had to hire a pool contractor to completely redo the plumbing and filtering for the pool. In total we will have spent more than \$58,066.80 to resolve an issue that was left for us by the previous owner. Over the period that the fine has been accruing, I have been in regular contact with Barbara Meizis, keeping her updated as to the progress in reaching compliance. Because we have been actively working to resolve the issue since January of this year, and because of the large cost we have taken on to resolve the issue, I am requesting that the fine be reduced to \$0.

Sincerely,

Sean, Kellee, Alexander, and Sawyer



912 Fleming St Case 10-522 - Timeline and history

1. Sean and Kellee Glass purchased 912 Fleming in April 2009.
2. It was not disclosed to me that there was an open permit (opened ~10 years before) for the pool or that any equipment was placed within a setback.
3. The existing pool heater broke and we asked our pool maintenance contractor to fix.
4. We left Key West in July 2010 when my wife fell pregnant.
5. Somehow Code had a number for me that I did not use past July. I did have a message on that voicemail providing the new number, however it's not clear how long the old number functioned.
6. Somehow we did not receive the notification of the first hearing. We have a property manager who collects and forwards mail for us. She signed for the letter and claims she told my wife about it, however my wife doesn't recall that conversation and we did not receive a copy of the letter. This time frame was right around the time our son Alexander was born.
7. We returned January 4th I received the certified letter of the court findings.
8. January 5th I went to the code department to discuss in person
9. January 6th, I filed permits and a HARC application
10. It became clear that the issue was the location of the equipment, which had been placed by the previous owner within the 5 foot setback. We could not receive HARC approval or resolve the code issue unless the entire pool was redesigned or a variance was issued.
11. I met with Enid to discuss and came to understand the two options (after the fact variance or redesign of pool area to move equipment)
12. Hired local architect Matthew Stratton to create a design to solve the issue or help with variance application. Matthew suggested that a design solution was best and we asked him to move forward.
13. I spoke to Barbara Meizis to update her on the progress, and to ensure she had the correct contact information
14. January 25th, Matthew Stratton filed a new HARC application for the revised design which will accomplish moving all pool equipment within the 5 foot setback
15. We received HARC approval for the plans created by Mr. Stratton in after the February HARC hearing.
16. In late February I reached out to various contractors, and by early March I agreed to contracts with Florida Keys Pool (Chris Garcia) and Jordan Holtkamp to do the necessary work.
17. Due to scheduling conflicts for both contractors, they were only able to start the work May 25.
18. Permits were pulled and by May 16, 2011 we were officially in compliance.
19. The total cost we have taken on to bring the pool into compliance is more than \$58,066.80.