

THE CITY OF KEY WEST

Code Compliance Division

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

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

DATE: September 26, 2012 RE: CASE NUMBER 12-1231

CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT#:

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To:

Paul Findlay & Yolande Guillaume 2902 Fogarty Avenue

Key West, FL 33040

Subject Address: 1124 Varela Street 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. 62-2. - Obstructions.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to obstruct the free, convenient and ordinary use of any public right-of-way, street, roadway, alley, sidewalk, swale or public square by impeding, hindering, stifling, retarding or restraining the passage of either pedestrian or vehicular traffic or by endangering the safe movement of pedestrians or vehicles travelling thereon.
- (b) This section shall not apply to the right of assembly or to any other purpose for which a government has issued a permit; provided, however, that a permit to use a public area for a commercial purpose does not authorize obstruction.
- (c) Violations shall be punishable as provided in section 1-15

To wit: Code officer received a complaint regarding the 1100 block of Varela. Complainant stated that all the residents are leaving waste management bins on the city sidewalk seven days a week obstructing the path on the sidewalk. On 28 July 2012 I conducted a site visit and spoke to the tenant. The ordinance related to bins on city right of way was discussed and she agreed to store waste management bins on private property. On 29 & 30 August 2012 additional site visits were conducted. Both days the bins were stored on the city sidewalk.

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:

October 17, 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.

Peg Corbett
Code Compliance Officer
City of Key West

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