



# THE CITY OF KEY WEST

## Code Compliance Division

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

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

DATE: April 2, 2012

RE: CASE NUMBER 12-338

CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT#: 7007 3020 0000 5345 5366

To:

James E & Holly A Cooney  
10 Pinecrest Lane  
Hamilton, OH 45013

Subject Address:

415 United 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:** A business tax receipt is required to rent the two units on your property.

**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.

**Count 2:** There are two units on this property. The city only recognizes one unit.

**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.

**Count 3:** A Certificate of Occupancy is required for the second unit.

**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.

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:**

**April 25, 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.



Bonnita Myers  
Code Compliance Officer  
City of Key West

Hand served this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 @ \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm.

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