

MINUTES
TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE
SPECIAL MAGISTRATE/CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING
JUNE 8, 2021

Present: Special Magistrate Amity Barnard, Town Attorney Christy Goddeau, Assistant Town Clerk Kathie Gatewood, Police Chief Hal Hutchins and Building Official Durrani Guy.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Special Magistrate Barnard.

Special Magistrate Barnard explained the hearing process, noting that the Town will call cases as they appear on the agenda. Once the case is called, the Town will present evidence first, then the respondent will have the opportunity to see the evidence, ask any questions, and then the respondent will provide testimony and evidence. Once all of the evidence and testimony has been concluded, the Special Magistrate will make a ruling, and the Town and respondent will receive the written order in the mail within the next few days. This is not meant to be a formal courtroom and formal rules of evidence do not apply.

All those persons planning to provide testimony were sworn in by Special Magistrate Barnard.

A. ADOPTION OF May 4, 2021 MINUTES

The Code Enforcement Hearing Minutes of May 4, 2021 were adopted by Special Magistrate Barnard.

B. VIOLATION HEARING

CASE NO. 2020-005

THE TAMARIND, INC.

**6665 NORTH OCEAN BLVD, Ocean Ridge, FL
33435**

RE: TAMARIND COND

NATURE OF VIOLATION

Violate Section(s) 22-1 Failure to maintain fire equipment according to Town Code.

Town Attorney Goddeau requested the case to be continued. She explained to the Special Magistrate that a key witness in the case could not be present due to a personal emergency. The Town and Respondent mutually agreed to a continuance hearing to be held no more than sixty (60) days from the date of the order.

Special Magistrate Barnard advised that she would make the following findings of fact and conclusions: the Respondent, The Tamarind, Inc., is the owner of the above-described property, the Respondent was represented at the hearing by Ken Kaleel, Esq., there was a finding of proper notice, due to an unforeseen personal emergency of one of the Town's witnesses, the Town requested a continuance of the violation hearing, and the Respondent agreed to said continuance, the Respondent further agreed and stipulated to the continued violation hearing date, to be determined and mutually agreed and set by the parties, without any additional formal notice provided by the Town.

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The Special Magistrate ordered that the violation hearing be continued for a period of not more than sixty (60) days from the date of the order, with a violation hearing date to be determined and mutually agreed and set by the parties. The Special Magistrate gave the Respondent notice that they must appear at the Violation Hearing on that mutually agreed date at 10 a.m. at the Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 North Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge, FL 33435 unless the Town certifies the Respondent has brought their property into compliance.

C. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 A.M.

Minutes prepared by Assistant Town Clerk Gatewood, and adopted by Special Magistrate Barnard on August 3, 2021.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Karla", is written over a circular official seal. The seal contains the text "TOWN CLERK" at the top and "FLORIDA" at the bottom. A horizontal line is drawn across the signature.

Karla Armstrong, Town Clerk