

CODE ENFORCEMENT
CITY OF WILDWOOD, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
January 2, 2024 1:00 PM
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBER

(meeting taped)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Lindsay C.T. Holt	Special Magistrate	Present
Tara Tradd	Code Compliance Manager	Present
Jessica Barnes	City Clerk	Present
David Perry	Sergeant	Present

Special Magistrate Holt brought the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

1. Special Magistrate, Overview of the Code Enforcement Process
2. Swear in City Staff

II. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES

1. December 5, 2023

Special Magistrate Holt saw no revisions and approved the summary minutes for the December 5, 2023 meeting.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	Special Magistrate Holt
SECONDER:	None
AYES:	Special Magistrate Holt

III. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. City of Wildwood Case#2311-0007
Respondents: Sharon Corbin

Violation Address: 702 Wilson Street

Violations: Chapter 7, Exterior Property Maintenance; Chapter 15, Accumulation of Litter and Debris and Overgrown

Status: The property is non-compliant with the City Code of Ordinances.

Code Compliance Manager Tradd presented the case and evidence to Special Magistrate Holt. Tradd stated that this case related to scattered trash in the front yard, side yards, and in the city right of way at the address listed. In September 2023, a notice of violation was submitted with no response from the property owner. A second notice of violation was then issued with again no response from the property owner, and the property remains in violation of the code. Special Magistrate Holt clarified that Tradd had performed another inspection of the property on the date of the hearing (1/2/2024). The city requested case costs be recovered in the amount of \$104.74, as well as a \$100 per day fine. The city proposed a compliance period of 10 days. The respondent was not present at the hearing. Special Magistrate Holt entered an order of violation which assessed a fine of \$100 per day, a 10-day compliance deadline, and ordered case costs be paid to the city by the compliance deadline.

2. **City of Wildwood Case#2210-0008**

Respondents: Freedom Fellowship Church

Violation Address: 5156 E CR 462

Violations: City of Wildwood LDR – Temporary Use Permit, 3.10 Permit # 2204-001

Status: The property is non-compliant with the City Land Development Regulations.

Code Compliance Manager Tradd presented the case and evidence to Special Magistrate Holt. The property was in violation of the Land Development Regulations, Section 3, Chapter 10, Temporary Uses. In April 2021, Freedom Fellowship Church was granted a temporary use permit by Sumter County Building Services. The conditions of that permit included the use of a tent for the gathering hall for church members. The permit allowed for use of the tent for one year during the planning and development of the new church building. In April 2022, during the church's annexation into the City of Wildwood, the church received another temporary use permit from the city, which approved tent use for an additional year while the church was being developed, and expired in April 2023. Staff contacted the church and requested it take the tent down by the end of the year, but the church members continued to use it for fellowship and church meetings. The city requested case costs be recovered in the amount of \$104.74, and deferred to Special Magistrate Holt for the next course of action for compliance. Per the code, the maximum fine is \$500 per day. Tradd also included, for the record, an email received on January 2, 2024, by one of the church members, David Pyles, which Special Magistrate Holt reviewed. Pyles was not present at the hearing.

Melvin Whittington, Senior Pastor of Freedom Fellowship, addressed the Special Magistrate regarding the case. He stated the church had encountered several hurdles during planning and development, and requested an extension of the permit. Gino Perez of Florida Metal Buildings, was present on behalf of the church as the builder and general contractor, and echoed the issues he and the church had encountered throughout the project, and requested an extension of the temporary use permit. Paul Bigley, Pastor of Freedom Fellowship, also requested a one-year extension to complete the project. Israel Hall, Music Minister of Freedom Fellowship, addressed the Special Magistrate and stated that if granted the extension, the church would continue to be considerate of its neighbors and the city's noise regulations. There were no further comments from the public.

Special Magistrate Holt requested clarification from Tradd whether there was a pending permit extension for the church. Tradd stated the church did request to extend the permit with the

city, but it was denied under the city's code. Holt then clarified her function as Code Enforcement Special Magistrate versus permitting with the Development Services Department. Holt stated the church was found to be in violation of the city's code, and therefore entered an order which allowed 30 days to pay case costs of \$104.74 and assessed a fine of \$100 per day abated for 30 days. Holt abated/continued her decision to order the removal of the structure to a date certain to give the church additional time to reapply for another temporary use permit.

V. ADJOURNMENT

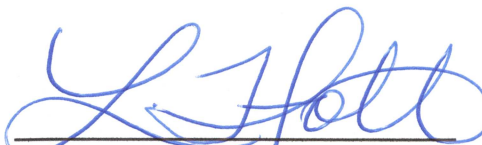
The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

RESULT:	Adjourned
MOVER:	Special Magistrate Holt
SECONDER:	None
AYES:	Special Magistrate Holt

SEAL

2/6/2024
Date

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Lindsay C.T. Holt,
Special Magistrate
City of Wildwood, Florida