



MINUTES

Code Enforcement Board Meeting
City Council Chambers – 625 Swift Blvd
Tuesday, July 09, 2024 ~ 6:00 p.m.

This document is a summarized version of the Code Enforcement Board proceedings. The minutes are paraphrased, not verbatim. Access to an electronic audio recording of the meeting is available upon request.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair White called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Skye White, Chair
Jenna Coddington, Member
Eric Bostrom, Member
Todd Samuel, Member

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Jamie Williams, Code Enforcement Officer
Stephanie Dorko, Code Enforcement Officer
Heidi Glasen, Code Enforcement Officer
Nicolas Mutrux, Staff Liaison
Sherida Maddalena, Administrative Assistant I

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ragan Faylor, Vice Chair

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Member Coddington made a motion to approve the July 9, 2024 meeting agenda. Member Bostrom seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Member Coddington made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2024 meeting of the Code Enforcement Board as presented. Member Bostrom seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

COMPLIANCE HEARINGS / ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS

Chair White began the hearing process by administering the oaths to all City staff, defendants, and witnesses that will be participating in the hearings and called the first case to be heard.

3. 20240558

David Daling

Location of Violations: 2331 Michael Ave, Richland, WA 99352
Mailing Address: Same
Description of Violations: RMC 10.04.040(P) Grass & Weeds, RMC 10.04.040(Q)
Dead/dying trees, RMC 12.16.010 Maintaining Right of Way
Notice of Civil Violation Issued: June 18, 2024

CASE REPORT: Jamie Williams, Code Enforcement Officer, presented the facts of the case and responded to questions from the Code Enforcement Board. Respondent was not present.

RECOMMENDATION: Compliance has not been met. Code Enforcement staff recommends assessment of a monetary penalty in the amount of \$1,000 for the issuance of the Notice of Civil Violation (Exhibit 1). For compliance to be met remove the dead/dying trees, trim the vegetation, clear the sidewalk so it is free from obstruction, and mow the grass/weeds throughout the property, including the backyard, in accordance with the Richland Municipal Code. If correction of the violation has not occurred by August 11, 2024, the city may proceed with abatement.

CODE BOARD DECISION: Member Coddington motioned to enter a default order affirming the violation identified in the City's Notice of Civil Violation, imposing a monetary penalty of \$1,000 for the issuance of the Notice of Civil Violation as compliance has not been met. For compliance to be met remove the dead/dying trees, trim the vegetation, clear the sidewalk so it is free from obstruction, and mow the grass/weeds throughout the property, including the backyard, in accordance with the Richland Municipal Code. If correction of the violation has not occurred by August 11, 2024, the city may proceed with abatement. Member Bostrom seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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Location of Violations:
Mailing Address:
Description of Violations:

Notice of Civil Violation Issued: June 24, 2024

Eric Mast

634 Chestnut Ave, Richland, WA 99352
Same
RMC 10.06.030 Inoperable Vehicle Storage, RMC 10.04.030(C)
Accumulation of Garbage, RMC 23.38.020(G) Storage Container,
RMC 10.04.040(N) Blocked Fire Hydrant, RMC 21.01.010(B)
Permit Required, RMC 23.14.020(4) Keeping Livestock
- CASE REPORT:** Heidi Glasen, Code Enforcement Officer, presented the facts of the case and responded to questions from the Code Enforcement Board. Respondent was not present.
- RECOMMENDATION:** Compliance has not been met. Code Enforcement staff recommends assessment of a monetary penalty in the amount of \$2,000 for the issuance of the Notice of Civil Violation (Exhibit 2). For compliance to be met demonstrate the 1998 black Ford Pickup with Washington plate B19199V to be operable under its own power or store it in accordance with the Richland Municipal Code. Remove the accumulated garbage, totes, scrap lumber, household items, scrap metal, and dead vegetation from the entire property and dispose of in accordance with the Richland Municipal Code. Remove the blue storage container from the property. Cease use of the unpermitted structure (currently being used as storage building) and obtain the necessary building and planning permit approvals in accordance with the Richland Municipal Code. Call Development Services to obtain a permit for the structure attached to the NE side of the residence. Move the pet cages/pets to locate them 50 feet from the property line. Trim the vegetation around the fire hydrant so there is at least 3 feet of clearance in all directions in accordance with the Richland Municipal Code. Remove the plants located on either side of the hydrant. The tree located behind the hydrant does not need to be moved, in accordance with the Richland Municipal Code. If correction of the violation has not occurred by August 11, 2024, the city may proceed with abatement.
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with the Richland Municipal Code. If correction of the violation has not occurred by August 11, 2024, the city may proceed with abatement. Member Bostrom seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

EXECUTION OF ORDERS:

Chair White requested that the City please hand up the Orders from tonight's hearings for execution.

CONTINUED CASES / OLD BUSINESS:

NEW / OTHER BUSINESS:

Nick Mutrux advised that there will be no meeting scheduled in September of 2024.

ADJOURNMENT:

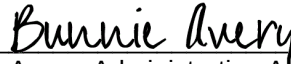
Chair White adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

APPROVED this 13th day of August 2024.

ATTEST:



SKYE WHITE, Chairman



Bunnie Avery, Administrative Assistant II