

September 21, 2020

BOARD OF EXAMINERS, APPEALS AND CONDEMNATION
City of Long Beach
California

Case No. 7904-09-20
Appellant: Doug Spahr
600 Via Barola St., Long Beach
CEAC260669

RECOMMENDATION

Conclude the hearing, determine that the cited party is the current owner and responsible party of the subject property located at **600 Via Barola St., Long Beach** and the violations listed did exist on the date the citation was issued.

DISCUSSION

Code Enforcement received a complaint regarding the fence at the property located at 600 Via Barola St. on May 1, 2019. An initial inspection was conducted on May 2, 2019 which revealed that the fence was over 6' feet in height. A Citation Warning Notice was mailed regular and certified to the property owner for the height of the fence on the front and side yards, with a compliance date of June 17, 2019.

The first reinspection was conducted on June 19, 2019 which revealed no progress made. On July 2, 2019, we revisited the property again and posted a copy of the Administrative Citation Warning letter on the door with a note regarding the pending case.

The property owner contacted me on July 2, 2019 to discuss the open case and explained he had not received a copy of the notice and asked for additional time as he attempts to legalize the height of the fence. On July 17, 2019, Mr. Spahr requested another copy of the notice he misplaced.

Between August 5, 2019 and March 9, 2020, there were several emails between Mr. Spahr and Planning regarding the process required to legalize the height of the fence.

On May 5, 2020, we sent an email to Mr. Spahr inquiring about the status of the corrections to the



fence height and advising that his next step would be the citation process if the fence was not legalized.

On May 27, 2020, staff conducted a reinspection and the fence height had not been reduced nor had the property owner started the variance process with Planning. Since the violation had not been corrected and the property owner failed to respond to my email, a citation was issued to the property owner on May 28, 2020.

On June 26, 2020, Code Enforcement received a request to appeal the Administrative Citation from Mr. Sphar.

On July 9, 2020, Mr. Sphar's requested to postpone his hearing stating he is waiting for the LB Planning Department and the City Attorney's office to respond before he can proceed with the appeal hearing.

On August 13, 2020, Mr. Sphar contacted Inspector Araceli Alvarez and Bureau Secretary Myeesha Ayala stating he was still waiting on Planning but would like to proceed with his appeal at the next scheduled hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl Wiegelman
CODE ENFORCEMENT BUREAU MANAGER
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The following information has been included for your review:

Exhibit # 1: Updated Request for Administrative Citation Appeal Hearing & Payment received 6/26/20

Exhibit # 2: Notice of Hearing dated 9/9/20

Exhibit # 4: Administrative Citation Warning Notice dated 5/15/19

Exhibit # 5: Photos

Exhibit # 6: Letter to Planning dated 8/11/20.

Exhibit # 7: Pre-Cite Photos

Exhibit # 8: Administrative Citation dated 5/28/20

Exhibit # 9: Case Information Report

Exhibit # 10: Property Detail Report

Exhibit # 11: LBMC



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Attachments

