SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA





FROM: County Counsel/TLMA

Code Enforcement Department

October 6, 2010

SUBJECT: Order to Abate [Substandard Structure & Accumulation of Rubbish]

Case No.: CV 09-06676 (BARKER)

Subject Property: 75811 E. Ramon Road, Thousand Palms; APN:651-161-011

District: 4

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that:

- 1. The Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order to Abate in Case No. CV 09-06676 be approved;
- 2. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to execute the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and order to Abate in Case No. CV 09-06676; and
- 3. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to record the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order to Abate in Case No. CV 09-06676.

(Continued)	L. ALEXANDRA FONG, Deputy County Counsel					
,		for PAMELA J. WALLS, County Counsel				
FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Bud	get: N/A		
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	N/A		
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	N/A		
SOURCE OF FUNDS:				Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30		
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Abatement of Public Nuisance Case No. CV 09-06676 75811 E. Ramon Road, Thousand Palms Page 2

BACKGROUND:

On September 28, 2010, this Board received the declaration of the Code Enforcement Officer in the above-referenced matter. At the conclusion of the hearing, this Board declared the substandard structure (dwelling) and accumulated rubbish on the subject property to be a public nuisance. The Board ordered the property owner to abate the violative conditions on the property and directed County Counsel to prepare Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order to Abate.

1	RECORDING REQUESTED BY: Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the
2	Board of Supervisors
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6	WHEN RECORDED PLEASE MAIL TO: L. Alexandra Fong, Deputy County Counsel
7	County of Riverside OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL
8	3960 Orange Street, Fifth Floor (Stop #1350) Riverside, CA 92501 [EXEMPT'6103]
	Riverside, CA 92301
9	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
10	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
11	IN RE ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE:) CASE NO. CV 09-06676
12	[SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE AND) ACCUMULATION OF RUBBISH]; APN 651-161-) FINDINGS OF FACT,
13	011, 75811 E. RAMON ROAD, THOUSAND) CONCLUSIONS AND ORDER TO
14	JESSICA BARKER, OWNER.
15) [R.C.O. Nos. 457 (RCC Title 15), 541 (RCC Title 8) and 725 (RCC Title 1)]
16	The above-captioned matter came on regularly for hearing on September 28, 2010, before the
17	Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California in the Board Room, First Floor
18	Annex, County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California regarding the real
19	property described 75811 E. Ramon Road, Thousand Palms, Riverside County, Assessor's Parcel
20	Number 651-161-011 and referred to hereinafter as "THE PROPERTY."
21	L. Alexandra Fong, Deputy County Counsel, appeared along with Brian Black, Supervising
22	Code Enforcement Officer, on behalf of the Director of the Code Enforcement Department.
23	No one appeared on behalf of owner.
24	The Board of Supervisors received the Declaration of the Code Enforcement Officer together
25	with attached Exhibits, evidencing the substandard structure and accumulation of rubbish on THE
26	PROPERTY as violations of Riverside County Ordinance Nos. 457 (Riverside County Code Title 15)
27	and 541 (Riverside County Code Chapter 8.120), and as a public nuisance.
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SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

- Documents of record in the Riverside County Recorder's Office identify the owner of THE PROPERTY as Jessica Barker ("OWNER").
- 2. Documents of title indicate that no other parties potentially hold a legal interest in THE PROPERTY.
- 3. THE PROPERTY was inspected by Code Enforcement Officers on September 9, 2009, October 1, 2009, October 28, 2009, November 14, 2009, January 5, 2010, February 5, 2010, May 25, 2010, June 22, 2010, September 9, 2010 and September 27, 2010.
- 4. During each inspection, a substandard structure (dwelling) was observed on THE PROPERTY. The structure was observed to be abandoned, dilapidated and vacant. The structure contained numerous deficiencies, including but not limited to: hazardous plumbing; hazardous wiring; lack of adequate heating facilities; faulty weather protection; general dilapidation or improper maintenance; public and attractive nuisance.
- 5. During each inspection an accumulation of rubbish was observed throughout THE PROPERTY consisting of but not limited to: metal, wood, appliances, auto parts, discarded mattresses, household trash, car batteries, work tools and tires.
- 6. THE PROPERTY was determined to be in violation of Riverside County Ordinance No. 457 (RCC Title 15) and 541 (RCC Chapter 8.120) by the Code Enforcement Officer.
- 7. A Notice of Noncompliance was recorded on September 23, 2009 as Document Number 2009-0495051 in the Office of the County Recorder, County of Riverside.
- 8. On September 9, 2009, a Notice of Violation, Notice of Defects, a "Danger Do Not Enter" and a "Do Not Dump" sign were posted on THE PROPERTY. On December 2, 2009 and January 6, 2010, Notices of Violation for the substandard structure and accumulation of rubbish were mailed to OWNER by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- 9. On May 24, 2010, a "Notice to Correct County Ordinance Violations and Abate Public Nuisance" providing notice of the public hearing before the Board of Supervisors was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to OWNER and was posted on THE PROPERTY on May 25, 2010.

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On June 21, 2010, a Continuation Notice to Correct County Ordinance Violations and Abate Public Nuisance was mailed by certified mail return receipt requested to OWNER by certified mail, return receipt requested and was posted on THE PROPERTY on June 22, 2010. On August 3, 2010, a Continuation Notice to Correct County Ordinance Violations and Abate Public Nuisance was mailed by certified mail return receipt requested to Alicja Barker, mother of OWNER, by certified mail, return receipt requested.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

WHEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on September 28, 2010, finds and concludes that:

- 1. WHEREAS, the substandard structure (dwelling) and accumulation of rubbish on the real property located at 75811 E. Ramon Road, Thousand Palms, Riverside County, California, also identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 651-161-011 violates Riverside County Ordinance Nos. 457 (RCC Chapter 15.12) and 541 (RCC Chapter 8.120) and constitutes a public nuisance.
- 2. WHEREAS, the OWNER, occupants and any person having possession or control of THE PROPERTY shall abate the substandard structure condition by razing, removing and disposing of the substandard structure, including the removal and disposal of all structural debris and materials, and contents therein or by reconstruction and rehabilitation of said structures provided that said reconstruction or demolition can be accomplished in strict accordance with all Riverside County Ordinances, including but not limited to Riverside County Ordinance No. 457 within ninety (90) days.
- 3. WHEREAS, the OWNER, occupants and any other person having possession or control of THE PROPERTY shall abate the accumulation of rubbish by removing and disposing of all rubbish on THE PROPOERTY in strict accordance with all Riverside County Ordinances, including but not limited to Riverside County Ordinance No. 541 within ninety (90) days.
- 4. WHEREAS, the OWNER IS HEREBY FURTHER NOTICED that the time within which judicial review of the administrative determinations made herein must be sought is ninety (90) days from the posting and mailing of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order To Abate Nuisance, and is governed by California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6.

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ORDER TO ABATE NUISANCE

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the substandard structure (dwelling) on THE PROPERTY be abated by the OWNER, Jessica Barker, or anyone having possession or control of THE PROPERTY, by razing and removing the substandard structure including the removal and disposal of all structural debris and materials, as well as the contents therein, or by reconstruction and rehabilitation of said structure provided such reconstruction and rehabilitation can be accomplished in strict accordance with all Riverside County Ordinances, including but not limited to Riverside County Ordinance No. 457 within ninety (90) days of the posting and mailing of this Order to Abate Nuisance.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the substandard structure is not razed, removed and disposed of, or reconstructed and rehabilitated in strict accordance with all Riverside County Ordinances, including but not limited to Riverside County Ordinance No. 457, within ninety (90) days of the posting and mailing of this Order to Abate Nuisance, the substandard structure, contents therein, and structural debris and materials, shall be abated by representatives of the Riverside County Code Enforcement Department, a contractor, or the Sheriff's Department upon receipt of the owner's consent or a Court Order, where necessary, under applicable law authorizing entry onto THE PROPERTY.

FURTHERMORE, the OWNER is ordered to ascertain the existence or non-existence of asbestos containing materials in said structure by survey and materials sample testing by a duly licensed and certified asbestos consultant; and, prior to the abatement ordered hereinabove, to secure the removal of all asbestos containing materials discovered through such survey and testing by contract with a duly certified and licensed contractor for the handling of such materials to avoid citations and/or fines by South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the accumulation of rubbish on THE PROPERTY be abated by the OWNER or anyone having possession or control of THE PROPERTY, by removing and disposing of all rubbish from THE PROPERTY in strict accordance with all Riverside County Ordinances, including but not limited to Riverside County Ordinance No. 541 (RCC Chapter 8.120) within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order to Abate Nuisance.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the accumulation of rubbish is not removed and disposed of in strict accordance with all Riverside County Ordinances, including but not limited to Riverside County Ordinance Nos. 541 (RCC Chapter 8.120) within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order to Abate Nuisance, the accumulation of rubbish shall be abated by representatives of the Riverside County Code Enforcement Department, a contractor or the Sheriff's Department upon receipt of an owner's consent or a Court Order when necessary under applicable law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that reasonable abatement costs, after notice and opportunity for hearing, shall be imposed as a lien on THE PROPERTY, which may be collected as a special assessment against THE PROPERTY pursuent to Government Code section 25845 and Riverside

for hearing, shall be imposed as a lien on THE PROPERTY, which may be collected as a special assessment against THE PROPERTY pursuant to Government Code section 25845 and Riverside County Ordinance Nos. 457 (RCC Chapter 15.12), 541 (RCC Chapter 8.120), and 725 (RCC Chapter 1.16). Under Riverside County Ordinance No. 725, "abatement costs" means "any costs or expenses reasonably related to the abatement of conditions which violate County Land Use Ordinances, and shall include, but not be limited to, enforcement, investigation, collection and administrative costs, attorneys fees, and the costs associated with the removal or correction of the violation." Reasonable abatement costs accrued by the Code Enforcement Department will be

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2	(90) days of the date of this Order to Abate Nuisance.					
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6		By Marion Ashl Chairman, B	ley Soard of Supervisors			
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