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

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FROM: County Counsel/TLMA

Code Enforcement Department

**SUBJECT:** Order to Abate [Substandard Structures]

Case No: CV 08-03916 [ORTIZ]

Subject Property: 21701 Nance Street, Perris; APN: 315-162-014

District: 1/1

**County Executive Office Signature** 

## **RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move that:

- The Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order to Abate in Case No. CV 08-03916 be approved;
- The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to execute the Findings 2. of Fact, Conclusions and order to Abate in Case No. CV 08-03916; and
- The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to record the Findings of Fact, 3. Conclusions and Order to Abate in Case No. CV 08-03916.

| (Continued)            |                               |         | PATRICIA MUNROE, Deputy County Counsel for PAMELA J. WALLS, County Counsel |                                     |  |  |
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| FINANCIAL<br>DATA      | Current F.Y. Total Cost:      | \$ N/A  | In Current Year Bud  | dget: 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<br>Deleted Per A-30 |  |  |
|                        |                               |         |  | Requires 4/5 Vote                   |  |  |
| C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: |                               | APPROVE |  |                                     |  |  |
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Per Exec. Ofc.

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Abatement of Public Nuisance Case No.: CV08-03916 [ORTIZ] 21701 Nance Street, Perris APN#315-162-014 District 1/1 Page 2

#### **BACKGROUND:**

On July 17, 2012, 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 structures (dwelling and block wall) located 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 2 | RECORDING REQUESTED BY: Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors   |  |  |  |  |
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| 3   | (Stop #1010)   |  |  |  |  |
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| 6   | WHEN RECORDED PLEASE MAIL TO: Patricia Munroe, Deputy County Counsel   |  |  |  |  |
| 7   | County of Riverside OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL   |  |  |  |  |
| 8   | 3960 Orange Street, Suite 500 (Stop #1350)  Riverside, CA 92501  [EXEMPT GC §§ 6103 and 27383]   |  |  |  |  |
| 9   | DO ADD OF SUBEDVISODS  |  |  |  |  |
| 10  | BOARD OF SUPERVISORS<br>COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  |  |  |  |  |
| 11  | IN RE ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE: ) CASE NO. CV 08-03916   |  |  |  |  |
| 12  | [SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES]; APN 315-<br>162-014, 21701 NANCE STREET, PERRIS, ) FINDINGS OF FACT,   |  |  |  |  |
| 13  | RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA; ) CONCLUSIONS AND ORDER TO FRANCISCO ORTIZ AND MICHAEL ORTIZ, ) ABATE NUISANCE   |  |  |  |  |
| 14  | OWNERS.  (Consider the first of |  |  |  |  |
| 15  | ) [R.O.O. 165 and 125  |  |  |  |  |
| 16  | The above-captioned matter came on regularly for hearing on July 17, 2012, before the Board  |  |  |  |  |
| 17  | of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California in the Board Room, First Floor Annex,   |  |  |  |  |
| 18  | County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California regarding the real property   |  |  |  |  |
| 19  | described as 21701 Nance Street, Perris, Assessor's Parcel Number 315-162-014 and referred to  |  |  |  |  |
| 20  | hereinafter as "THE PROPERTY."   |  |  |  |  |
| 21  | Patricia Munroe, Deputy County Counsel, appeared along with Michelle Cervantes, Senior   |  |  |  |  |
| 22  | Code Enforcement Officer, on behalf of the Director of the Code Enforcement Department.  |  |  |  |  |
| 23  | Owners appeared but did not address the Board of Supervisors.  |  |  |  |  |
| 24  | The Board of Supervisors received the Declaration of the Code Enforcement Officer together   |  |  |  |  |
| 25  | with attached Exhibits, evidencing the substandard structures on THE PROPERTY as violation of  |  |  |  |  |
| 26  | Riverside County Ordinance ("RCO") No. 457 and as a public nuisance.   |  |  |  |  |
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|     | FINDINGS OF FACT CONCLUSIONS   |  |  |  |  |

#### **SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE**

- 1. Documents of record in the Riverside County Recorder's Office identify the owners of THE PROPERTY as Francisco Ortiz and Michael Ortiz ("OWNERS").
- 2. Documents of title indicate that other parties potentially hold a legal interest in THE PROPERTY, to-wit: State of California Franchise Tax Board, U.S. Attorney's Office Financial Litigation Unit and Internal Revenue Service (hereinafter collectively referred to as "INTERESTED PARTIES").
- 3. THE PROPERTY was inspected by Code Enforcement Officers on October 19, 2010, December 16, 2010, April 28, 2011, July 13, 2011, April 4, 2012 and July 16, 2012.
- 4. During each inspection, substandard structures (dwelling and block wall) were observed on THE PROPERTY. The structures contained numerous deficiencies, including but not limited to: lack of hot and cold running water to plumbing fixtures; lack of required electrical lighting; members of walls, partitions, or other vertical supports that split, lean, list or buckle due to defective material or deterioration; faulty weather protection; general dilapidation or improper maintenance; public and attractive nuisance abandoned/vacant; construction without permits.
- THE PROPERTY was determined to be in violation of Riverside County Ordinance
   No. 457 by the Code Enforcement Officer.
- 6. A Notice of Pendency of Administrative Proceedings was recorded on April 26, 2012, as Document Number 2012-0189813 in the Office of the County Recorder, County of Riverside.
- 7. On October 19, 2010, a Notice of Violation, Notice of Defects and a "Danger Do Not Enter" signs were posted on THE PROPERTY. On October 25, 2010, a Notice of Violation for the substandard structures was mailed to OWNERS by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- 8. A "Notice to Correct County Ordinance Violations and Abate Public Nuisance" providing notice of the public hearing before the Board of Supervisors on July 17, 2012, was mailed to OWNERS and INTERESTED PARTIES and was posted on THE PROPERTY.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

WHEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on July 17, 2012, finds and concludes that:

- 1. WHEREAS, the substandard structures (dwelling and block wall) on the real property located at 21701 Nance Street, Perris, Riverside County, California, also identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 315-162-014 violates RCO No. 457 and constitutes a public nuisance.
- 2. WHEREAS, the OWNERS, occupants and any person having possession or control of THE PROPERTY shall abate the substandard structures by razing, removing and disposing of the substandard structures, 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 RCO No. 457 within ninety (90) days.
- 3. WHEREAS, the OWNERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES ARE 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.

## ORDER TO ABATE NUISANCE

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the substandard structures (dwelling and block wall) on THE PROPERTY be abated by the OWNERS, Francisco Ortiz and Michael Ortiz, or anyone having possession or control of THE PROPERTY, by razing and removing the substandard structures including the removal and disposal of all structural debris and materials, as well as the contents therein, or by reconstruction and rehabilitation of said structures provided such reconstruction and rehabilitation can be accomplished in strict accordance with all Riverside County Ordinances, including but not limited to RCO 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 structures are not razed, removed and disposed of, or reconstructed and rehabilitated in strict accordance with all Riverside County Ordinances, including but not limited to RCO No. 457, within ninety (90) days of the posting and mailing of this Order to Abate Nuisance, the substandard structures, contents therein, and structural debris and materials, may 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 OWNERS are ordered to ascertain the existence or non-existence of asbestos containing materials in said structures 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 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 pursuant to Government Code section 25845 and Riverside County Ordinance Nos. 457 and 725. 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 

| 1  | Department will be recoverable from the OWNERS even if THE PROPERTY is brought into |  |  |  |  |
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| 2  | compliance within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order to Abate Nuisance.     |  |  |  |  |
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| 4  | Dated: COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  |  |  |  |  |
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| 6  | By John F. Tavaglione   |  |  |  |  |
| 7  | Chairman, Board of Supervisors  |  |  |  |  |
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| 9  | ATTEST:   |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | KECIA HARPER-IHEM  Clerk to the Board   |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | Clerk to the Board  |  |  |  |  |
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