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





FROM: County Counsel/TLMA

Code Enforcement Department

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** December 19, 2014

SUBJECT: Order to Abate [Substandard Structures & Accumulated Rubbish]

Case No.: CV13-03584 [HANKS/MORRIS]

Subject Property: 40525 Mayberry Avenue, Hemet; APN: 447-131-043

District: 3/3 [\$0.00]

#### **RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. The Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order to Abate in Case No. CV13-03584 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. CV13-03584; 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. CV13-03584.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

## Summary

On November 4, 2014, this Board received the declaration of the Code Enforcement Officer in the abovereferenced matter. At the conclusion of the hearing, this Board declared the substandard structures (dwelling, detached garage and deck) and accumulated rubbish on the subject property to be a public

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EGORY P. PRIAMOS County Counsel

For Fiscal Year:

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$	Consent □ Policy
NET COUNTY COST	\$	\$	\$	\$	Consent La Tolicy Z
SOURCE OF FUN	Budget Adjustr	ment:			

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

**APPROVE** 

**County Executive Office Signature** 

# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Benoit and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:

Jeffries, Tavaglione, Benoit and Ashley

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Date:

January 6, 2015

XC:

Co.CO./TLMA-Code Enf., Recorder

Positions Added

Change Order П

4/5 Vote

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 11/04/14; 9.3

District: 3/3

Agenda Number:

Keqia Harper-Ihem

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

FORM 11: Order to Abate [Substandard Structure & Accumulated Rubbish]

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#### Summary (continued)

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.

## Impact on Citizens and Businesses

When property owners abate nuisances on their property, the surrounding neighborhood's safety, attractiveness and land values are potentially increased.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL:

## **Additional Fiscal Information**

N/A

# **Contract History and Price Reasonableness**

N/A

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Findings of Fact

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	RECORDING REQUESTED BY: Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors (Stop #1010)  Customer Copy Label The paper to which this label is affixed has not been compared with the filed/recorded document  Peter Aldana County of Riverside Assessor, County Clerk & Recorder  WHEN RECORDED PLEASE MAIL TO: Michelle Cervantes, Senior Code Enforcement Officer Regina Keyes, Senior Code Enforcement Officer CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT 4080 Lemon Street, Twelfth Floor (Stop #1012) Riverside, CA 92501  [EXEMPT GC §§ 6103 and 27383]					
9	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS					
10	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE					
11	IN RE ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE: ) CASE NO. CV 13-03584					
12	[SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES AND ) ACCUMULATION OF RUBBISH]; ) FINDINGS OF FACT,					
13	APN 447-131-043, 40525 MAYBERRY AVENUE,) CONCLUSIONS AND ORDER TO HEMET, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA; ) ABATE NUISANCE					
14	DIANA L. HANKS AND CONNIE M. MORRIS, ) OWNERS. ) R.C.O. Nos. 457, 541 and 725					
15	)					
16 17	The above-captioned matter came on regularly for hearing on November 4, 2014, before the					
18	Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California in the Board Room, First Floor					
19	Annex, County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California regarding the real					
20	property described as 40525 Mayberry Avenue, Hemet, Riverside, Assessor's Parcel Number					
21	447-131-043 and referred to hereinafter as "THE PROPERTY."					
22	Sophia Choi, Deputy County Counsel, appeared along with Michelle Cervantes, Senior Code					
23	Enforcement Officer, on behalf of the Director of the Code Enforcement Department.					
24	Owners did not appear.					
25	The Board of Supervisors received the Declaration of the Code Enforcement Officer together					
26	with attached Exhibits, evidencing the substandard structures and accumulation of rubbish on THE					
27	PROPERTY as violations of Riverside County Ordinance Nos. 457 and 541, and as a public					
28	nuisance.					

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

- 1. Documents of record in the Riverside County Recorder's Office identify the owners of THE PROPERTY as Diana L. Hanks and Connie M. Morris ("OWNERS").
- 2. Documents of title indicate that other parties may potentially hold a legal interest in THE PROPERTY, to wit: Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgage Electronic Services, The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, MTC Financial, Inc. dba Trustee Corps., Lake Hemet Municipal Water District (hereinafter referred to as "INTERESTED PARTIES").
- 3. THE PROPERTY was inspected by Code Enforcement Officers on September 18, 2013, October 23, 2013, December 10, 2013, March 19, 2014, April 16, 2014, August 7, 2014 and October 27, 2014.
- 4. During each inspection, three (3) substandard structures (dwelling, detached garage and a deck) were observed on THE PROPERTY. The structures were observed to be abandoned, dilapidated and vacant. The structures contained numerous deficiencies, including but not limited to: lack of improper water closet, lavatory, bathtub, shower or kitchen sink, hazardous wiring, defective or deteriorated flooring or floor supports, dampness of habitable rooms, faulty weather protection; general dilapidation or improper maintenance; fire hazard, public and attractive nuisance abandoned/vacant.
- 5. During each inspection an accumulation of rubbish was observed throughout THE PROPERTY consisting of but not limited to: green waste, trash, fire hoses, a camper shell, a partially demolished above ground pool, furniture, cardboard, window frames, and other miscellaneous items.
- 6. THE PROPERTY was determined to be in violation of Riverside County Ordinance Nos. 457 and 541 by the Code Enforcement Officer.
- 7. A Notice of Pendency of Administrative Proceedings was recorded on April 11, 2014, as Document Number 2014-0132236 in the Office of the County Recorder, County of Riverside.
- 8. On September 18, 2013, a Notice of Violation, Notice of Defects, a "Danger Do Not Enter" sign were posted on THE PROPERTY. On October 9, 2013, a Notice of Violation and Notice of Defects were mailed to OWNERS and INTERESTED PARTIES by first class mail. On November 7, 2013, a Notice of Violation and Notice of Defects were mailed to OWNERS and

INTERESTED PARTIES by certified mail, return receipt requested.

9. A "Notice to Correct County Ordinance Violations and Abate Public Nuisance" providing notice of the public hearing before the Board of Supervisors, was mailed to OWNERS and INTERESTED PARTIES by first class mail 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 November 4, 2014, finds and concludes that:

- 1. WHEREAS, the substandard structures (dwelling, detached garage and deck) and accumulation of rubbish on the real property located at 40525 Mayberry Avenue, Hemet, Riverside County, California, also identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 447-131-043 violates Riverside County Ordinance Nos. 457 and 541 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 conditions 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 structure 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 OWNERS, 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 PROPERTY 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 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 <u>California Code of Civil Procedure</u> Section 1094.6.

ORDER TO ABATE NUISANCE

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the substandard structures (dwelling, detached garage and deck) on THE PROPERTY be abated by the OWNERS, 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 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 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 the accumulation of rubbish on THE PROPERTY be abated by the OWNERS 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 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 within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order to Abate Nuisance, the accumulation of rubbish may 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

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, 541, 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

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1	Department will be recoverable from the	OWNERS even if THE PROPERTY is brought into				
2	compliance within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order to Abate Nuisance.					
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4	Dated:January 6, 2015	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE				
5		By Marier Adella				
6	·	Marion Ashley				
7		Chairman, Board of Supervisors				
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9	ATTEST:					
10	KECIA HARPER-IHEM					
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# LARRY W. WARD COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ASSESSOR-COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

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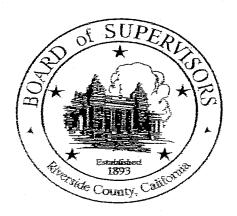
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# CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code 27361.7, I certify under the penalty of perjulthat the following is a true copy of illegible wording found in the attached document:

(Print or type the page number(s) and wording below):

CLARIFICATION OF THE SEAL for the Riverside County Board of Supervisors (embossed on document)



Date:

Signature:

Print Name: Karen Barton, Board Assistant, Riverside County Clerk of the Board