



Washington County
Code Enforcement Office
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MAGISTRATE HEARING

County of Washington

Parcel: 00000000-00-1002-0006

Petitioner,

Cindy Voorhees
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688 Brown Street
Chipley, Florida 32428

Respondent(s)

RE: Case Number: 2022-040

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to advise that you have been scheduled for hearing before the Washington County Code Enforcement Special Magistrate to be held on **March 3, 2023, beginning at 1:30 P.M.** at the **Washington County Annex Building located at 1331 South Boulevard Chipley, Florida 32428 in the County Commission Room.** **Please arrive at 1:00 pm, bring valid identification and sign in on the sign-in sheet provided.**

If the violation(s) is/are corrected and then recurs or if the violation is not corrected by the time specified for correction, the case may be presented to the Special Magistrate even if the violation(s) has/have been corrected prior to the hearing. If you correct the violation(s) contained herein prior to **02/24/2023, you must contact the code inspector to arrange a reinspection of the property to verify compliance.**

If you fail to appear at the Hearing, the Special Magistrate may base his findings solely on the testimony and evidence presented by the Code Enforcement Division of Washington County.

The Special Magistrate will hear testimony and view evidence and at the conclusion of the Hearing shall issue findings of fact and conclusions of law, and shall issue a Final Order affording the proper relief. A certified copy of the Final Order may be recorded in the public records of the county and shall constitute notice to any subsequent purchasers, successors in interest, or assigns if the violation concerns real property, and the findings therein shall be binding upon the violator and, if the violation concerns real property, upon any subsequent purchasers, successors in interest, or assigns.

The Final Order may include a notice that it must be complied with by a specified date and if the respondent does not comply with each corrective action by the specified date, a second hearing may be held at which time a fine of up to

\$250.00 per day per violation may be imposed and the administrative costs may be included. If the Special Magistrate finds a violation to be a repeat violation may impose a fine up to \$500.00 per day, per violation and the imposition of administrative costs. If the Special Magistrate finds a violation to be irreparable or irreversible in nature, may impose a fine up to \$5,000.00 per occurrence, per violation. Any final order and any order imposing a fine may be appealed to the Circuit Court of Washington County, Florida. A certified copy of an order imposing a fine may be recorded in the public records of the county and once recorded, it **SHALL CONSTITUTE A LIEN** against the property upon which the violation was found to exist and upon any other real or personal property owned by the violator. If said lien remains unpaid for more than ninety days, the County may seek to foreclose on your property.

A code enforcement lien cannot be used to foreclose upon real property, which is a homestead.

RIGHT TO APPEAL: If any person desires to appeal any decision with respect to the matter considered at this Hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. A copy of the proceedings can be obtained from the Special Magistrate Clerk at 954-638-6195.