

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN  
CODES ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL MAGISTRATE  
HEARING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.  
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Magistrate, Ronald Brown called the hearing to order at 9:00 am.

**MAGISTRATE BRIEFING:**

Magistrate Brown introduced himself and stated that he is a state certified attorney appointed by the Town of Interlachen to preside over today's proceedings. Mr. Brown stated that this is not a formal court of law but is bound to follow principles of due process and fairness, to make sure the respondent has been noticed and has the opportunity to be heard and present testimony. These are standard proceedings, but the state law requires that all evidence be substantial and competent and that everyone who is testifying must be sworn in.

**SWEARING IN:**

Magistrate Brown swore in Codes Enforcement Officer, Mary Ratliff and the respondent, Luis Rivera.

Spanish interpreter, Eduardo Arenas was present via zoom.

**CODES CASE #030923(B) – Luis Rivera at 222 Sherman Drive Circle.**

Magistrate Brown stated that the respondent is in violation of Ordinance 2021-2, Section 4.1; Care of Premises.

Codes Enforcement Officer, Mary Ratliff gave a factual summary of the stating that the notice dates are as follows:

1. Date violation was first observed March 9, 2023.
2. A Notice of Violation was sent by certified mail on March 9, 2023 and was signed for on April 8, 2023.
3. The date for correction of the violation was March 24, 2023.
4. The final inspection before the hearing was conducted on June 1, 2023.

C.E.O. Mary Ratliff showed pictures of the property and recommended that the debris and unlicensed vehicles be removed, and the yard mowed.

Magistrate Brown swore in Mr. Rivera's grandson, Samuel Guzman. Mr. Guzman stated that the vehicles on the right-of-way and the other items have been removed.

Magistrate Brown's ordered that the respondent remove or license and tag all vehicles, remove all the debris from the fence; including tires, and plastic containers. If not in compliance by July 6, 2023 a fine of \$25.00 per day will begin accruing on July 7, 2023.

Magistrate Brown called for a recess.

Magistrate Brown reconvened the hearing at 9:58am.

**CODES CASE #030923(A) – Jose Acevedo at 100 East Washington Street.**

The respondent was not present.

Codes Enforcement Officer, Mary Ratliff gave a factual summary of the stating that the notice dates are as follows:

1. Date violation was first observed March 9, 2023.
2. A Notice of Violation was sent by certified mail on March 9, 2023, and was signed for on May 26, 2023.
3. The date for correction of the violation was April 10, 2023.
4. The final inspection before the hearing was conducted on June 1, 2023 and the respondent was not in compliance.

Magistrate Brown found the respondent in violation of Ordinance 2021-2, Section 4.1; Care of Premises and Ordered that the respondent come into compliance by mowing the grass. If not in compliance by July 6, 2023 a fine of \$25.00 per day will begin accruing on July 7, 2023.

Magistrate Brown called for a recess.

Magistrate Brown reconvened the hearing at 10:15am.

**CODES CASE #083122 – Roger David Roth and The Pinder Trust at 201 Commonwealth Avenue.**

The respondent(s) were not present.

Codes Enforcement Officer, Mary Ratliff gave a factual summary of the stating that the notice dates are as follows:

1. Date violation was first observed August 31, 2022.
2. A Notice of Violation was sent by certified mail on September 13, 2022.
3. The date for correction of the violation was October 14, 2022 .
4. Notice of Hearing was sent on May 26, 2023, and was signed for on May 30, 2023.
4. The final inspection before the hearing was conducted on June 1, 2023.

C.E.O. Mary Ratliff showed pictures of the property depicting that even more debris is present, and the roof has deteriorated even more. The respondent is not in compliance with the Magistrate's order of January 3, 2023 and a total of \$2,975.00 in fines have accrued.

Magistrate Brown found that the respondent is not in compliance with the January 3, 2023 order, therefore, the fine of \$25.00 a day will continue to accrue, and an Administrative Fine/Lien shall be imposed on the property.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The hearing adjourned at 10:26am.