

CITY OF OCOEE
Code Enforcement Special Magistrate
February 15, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Special Magistrate James A. Fowler called the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Hearing to order at 11:03 a.m. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, located at 1 North Bluford Ave, Ocoee, Florida.

SWEARING IN OF WITNESSES

Code Enforcement Clerk Justin Mieras administered the oath to the Code Enforcement Officers and to anyone intending to speak regarding a case presented today.

HEARINGS ON STATEMENT OF VIOLATIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICES OF HEARING

CASE NO 2023-02756

OFFICER DIAZ	220 STORY RD	PRATT BETTY JOYCE TR
Violation Cited: §51-13. & §119-2.		
Summary: §51-13. – It shall be a violation to do work related to construction without first obtaining a permit. §119-2. – Prohibits engaging in any business, occupation or profession within the City without a license issued.		

Observation:

§51-13. – Commercial interior alteration of a paint booth installation without required permits

§119-2. – Operating Fernandez Auto Painting and More LLC., without required Local Business Tax receipt.

Officer Diaz presented the case and gave its history. She further explained that as of February 15, 2024, the property is still in non-compliance. The City asked for an Order of Compliance within 45 days, or thereafter to be fined \$50.00 per day, per violation, until the property comes into compliance.

Project Coordinator Herbert Betancourt, for the business, explained their issues with previous General Contractors. He further explained he does not foresee the work being completed in the city's recommended 45-day time period. He asked for a time period of 90 days.

Tenant/Business Owner Joanne Fernandez explained her business status and echoed the 90-day request.

Respondent Linda Higgins for Pratt Betty Joyce Trust expanded upon the Trust's status and their Tenant's history.

Architect George Sharp for the Respondent further commented on the expected delays to complete the permit.

Conclusion:

Special Magistrate James A. Fowler ordered *that in Case in #2023-02756, the respondent be found in violation as cited as of September 21, 2023, and be given until May 15, 2024, to come into compliance or be fined \$50.00 per day, per violation, until found in compliance.*

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.



Prepared by: **Justin Mieras**
Code Enforcement Clerk


Reviewed by: **James A. Fowler**
Code Enforcement Hearing Special Magistrate