

Code Enforcement 2475 Library Way Sanibel, FL 33957 239-472-4555

NOTICE OF VIOLATION CASE CODE-001528-2025

To: WITTY DAVID RUSSELL & WITTY BARBARA 804 ELINOR WAY SANIBEL FL 33957 Certified Mail # 7017 1450 0000 7708 6720 SUBJECT PROPERTY: 804 Elinor Way, Sanibel FL 33957 (STRAP: 30-46-23-T2-00016.034A)

Dear: WITTY DAVID RUSSELL & WITTY BARBARA:

This Notice is to inform you that violation(s) of the City of Sanibel's Land Development Code (the "LDC"), Chapter 126, Article XIV, Division 17, has been found to exist at the above-referenced subject property. The City has declared the above subject property as a Distressed Property, pursuant to LDC Section 126-1313, for failure to maintain or secure the subject property in accordance with LDC Section 126-1314. The City of Sanibel's Code Enforcement Officer observed the following conditions that must be abated within 10-days of receipt of this Notice of Violation mailing:

- 1. The exterior of a structure shall be kept and maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary without excessive mold, mildew, or peeling and chipped paint to the degree that it detracts from the overall appearance of the property when viewed from any adjacent property (where authorized) or any public right-of-way or becomes a hazard to the public health, safety or general welfare. Walls shall be free of holes, loose or rotten wood, be weatherproofed and coated with paint, siding or similar protection to prevent deterioration. Sec. 126-1314(a)(4)),
- 2. The roof, siding, awnings, chimneys, sheds, and other exterior structural elements of a property shall be kept and maintained in good repair and anchored in such a manner as not to become flying projectile in high winds. •Sec. 126-1314 (a)(7))
- 3. Improved property that is determined to have a vacant building upon inspection shall be kept in a secure manner so as to be kept inaccessible to wildlife or unauthorized persons. A secure manner shall include, but not be limited to, the closure and locking of all windows, doors, gates and other building or structure openings of such size that may allow access to the interior of a building or structure. Broken doors and windows shall be secured and repaired or completely replaced within ten days of being damaged to the point that such door or window does not secure the building. Sec. 126-1314 (b)(1))



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The City Code section(s) cited as a result of the violation(s) are indicated in the attachment, and this notice serves as a written order to achieve compliance (abate) within 10-days of receipt of this Notice of Violation mailing. In accordance with LDC Section 126-1316, you are notified of the following requirement:

Sec. 126-1316. - Abatement by the person in charge.

Within ten days after receipt of the mailing or service of a notice of violation, the person in charge shall remove or correct the nuisance or violation, or shall apply for an abatement plan as provided in <u>section 126-1317</u> of this division. In the event that: (1) the nuisance or violation is not cured or corrected within the period of time specified; or (2) an abatement plan is not applied for, as required; or (3) in the event the abatement plan is denied by the city and a date for abatement is specified but not complied with; or (4) if an approved abatement plan is not complied with as to timeframes or requirements, the violation shall be enforced as authorized in this division.

In accordance with LDC Section 126-1317, you may apply for an Abatement Plan by submitting an application for the above subject property within 10 days of receipt of this mailing. Section 126-1317 states:

Sec. 126-1317. - Abatement plan.

(a) Should the violation to be remedied be costly or extensive, the person in charge or their designee may apply for an abatement plan with the planning department.

The application shall include the following:

- Justification for the need of an abatement plan including, but not limited to, excessive costs or extensive work to remedy; and
- 2. A detailed plan describing each violation to be remedied; and
- 3. A timeline for completing each violation to be remedied.
- (b) The planning department shall review the application and either approve, deny, or modify the abatement plan within five business days of receipt of the abatement plan. Written notice of the planning department's decision shall be provided to the person in charge or their designee, and the owner, if identifiable and different from the person in charge.
- (c) The person in charge or their designee shall apply for any and all of the requisite building and development permits, if any, within 14 days of the issuance of an approved abatement plan and follow all requirements and timeframes of the approved abatement plan. Failure to do so shall render the approved abatement plan null and void, unless an extension or amendment is approved, in writing, by the planning department.



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Please contact code.enf@mysanibel.com should you wish to apply for an Abatement Plan. Any application must be complete by addressing all requirements of LDC Section 126-1317 shown above.

If you do not apply for an Abatement Plan, improvements to abate all violations listed above, to the above-referenced subject property, must be completed within 10-days of receipt of this mailing.

Failure to comply with the requirements of this Notice of Violation will result in the City pursuing enforcement action in accordance with LDC Chapter 126, Article XIV, Division 17, for the violations cited above at the subject property. Enforcement action may include scheduling a hearing before Sanibel's Code Enforcement Hearing Officer.

ISSUED BY: Glan Nixon DATE: 4/09/2025

Glenn Nixon City of Sanibel Code Enforcement Manager

Subpart B - LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE Chapter 126 - ZONING ARTICLE XIV. - SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS DIVISION 17. DISTRESSED PROPERTIES

DIVISION 17. DISTRESSED PROPERTIES

Sec. 126-1311. Intent and purpose.

It is the intent and purpose of this division to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the city, reduce the potential for economic decline as a result of public nuisances on improved parcels, protect the aesthetic standards deemed essential by the Sanibel community, and to preserve and protect property values within the City of Sanibel.

(Ord. No. 13-003, § 1, 8-6-2013)

Sec. 126-1312. Definitions.

The following terms, whether or not in capitalized text, when used in this division will have the following meanings, except where the context clearly indicates and requires a different meaning:

Building means a structure which is designed, built or occupied as a shelter or roofed enclosure for persons, animals or property; or a shelter located on a foundation or other support and used for residential, business, mercantile, storage, commercial, professional, industrial, institutional, assembly, educational or recreational purposes.

Enforcing official means the city manager, or designee.

Improved property means property which has located upon it a building, structure or other physical improvements.

Inspection means a close viewing of the property and the exterior of any structures located thereon from any legal vantage point and includes viewing of any interior portions of the structure which are visible from the outside of the structure.

Nuisance means any item, thing, manner, or condition whatsoever that is injurious to health, indecent, offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property or could otherwise be a hazard to the public health, safety or general welfare.

Owner means every person or entity which, alone or jointly with others, has legal or equitable title to any property, dwelling, dwelling unit, mobile dwelling unit, building, or structure.

Person in charge: Unless otherwise required by the context, shall mean and be deemed to include a property owner, agent, occupant, lessee, contract purchaser, or other person having possession or control of property.

Property means any real property, or portion thereof, located in the City of Sanibel.

Structure means anything constructed, installed or portable, the use of which requires a location on land. It includes a movable structure while on land which can be used for housing, business, commercial, agricultural, or office purposes, whether temporarily or permanently. Structure also includes, but is not limited to, fences, tiki or chikee huts and the like, swimming pools, poles, pipelines, transmission lines, game courts and tracks.

Vacant building means a building that appears to be partially or substantially empty of furnishings or appliances or not otherwise legally occupied, or exists with any condition that, on its own or combined with other conditions present, would lead a reasonable person to believe that there is no intent or actions by the current

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owner or person in charge to occupy in the immediate future a property or building. Such conditions include, but are not limited to: overgrown and/or dead vegetation; accumulations of newspapers, circulars and/or flyers; disconnected utilities; accumulation of trash, junk and/or debris; broken or boarded up windows and/or doors; the absence of merchandise consistent with retail sale; and statements by neighbors or service providers (e.g., utility company, post office, etc.) that the property or building is unoccupied. This definition is not intended to include and does not include the temporary or seasonal absence of an owner from a residential dwelling or a commercial building for which a tenant is being actively sought.

(Ord. No. 13-003, § 1, 8-6-2013)

Sec. 126-1313. Declaration of distressed property.

- (a) Any improved property within the City of Sanibel upon which is located an occupied or vacant building, as defined in this division, and which has located upon or within such improved property a nuisance condition which constitutes, or may constitute, a threat to the health, safety or welfare of any person, as determined by the city's enforcing official pursuant to this Code of Ordinances, is hereby declared a distressed property and is in violation of this Code.
- (b) Any improved property within the City of Sanibel that is in a condition which fails to meet the minimum maintenance requirements and security standards set forth in section 126-1314 of this division, based upon the inspection of the enforcement official from any public right-of-way or adjacent property (where legally authorized) is hereby declared to be a distressed property and is in violation of this Code.

(Ord. No. 13-003, § 1, 8-6-2013)

Sec. 126-1314. Maintenance and security standards.

- (a) Maintenance requirements.
 - (1) Improved property shall be maintained in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein, all applicable city codes and ordinances, state laws, relevant sanitary codes, and the Florida Building Code concerning external or visible maintenance.
 - (2) All front, side, and rear yard areas shall be free of litter, refuse and debris as defined in sections 30-31, 30-34 and 30-36 of the Sanibel Code, except temporary storage or placement of refuse and debris for appropriate disposal.
 - (3) Pools, fountains, hot tubs and spas shall be maintained so the water contained within in them remains free and clear of hazards, pollutants, debris, fungal or plant growth and shall not produce noxious odors nor act as a breeding ground for mosquitos. Pools, fountains, hot tubs and spas shall comply with the requirements of city codes and ordinances and the Florida Building Code.
 - (4) The exterior of a structure shall be kept and maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary without excessive mold, mildew, or peeling and chipped paint to the degree that it detracts from the overall appearance of the property when viewed from any adjacent property (where authorized) or any public right-of-way or becomes a hazard to the public health, safety or general welfare. Walls shall be free of holes, loose or rotten wood, be weatherproofed and coated with paint, siding or similar protection to prevent deterioration.
 - (5) The roof and flashing shall be sound, tight and not have defects that admit leaks. Roof drains, gutters and downspouts shall be maintained in good repair and properly affixed. Roof water shall not be discharged in a manner that creates a public nuisance.

- (6) Every exterior stair, ramp, landing, balcony, porch, deck or other walking surface shall be maintained and kept in sound condition and minimally safe repair.
- (7) The roof, siding, awnings, chimneys, sheds, and other exterior structural elements of a property shall be kept and maintained in good repair and anchored in such a manner as not to become flying projectile in high winds.
- (b) Security requirements.
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 - (2) Any excavations, swimming pools, hot tubs, spas, at grade fountains or other attractive nuisances shall be properly secured and comply with the requirements of the City Code of Ordinances and the Florida Building Code.

(Ord. No. 13-003, § 1, 8-6-2013)

Sec. 126-1315. Joint responsibility.

If more than one person or entity is a person in charge of property, then all such persons or entities shall be jointly and severally liable for abating the distressed property violation.

(Ord. No. 13-003, § 1, 8-6-2013)

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- (b) The planning department shall review the application and either approve, deny, or modify the abatement plan within five business days of receipt of the abatement plan. Written notice of the planning department's

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- decision shall be provided to the person in charge or their designee, and the owner, if identifiable and different from the person in charge.
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(Ord. No. 13-003, § 1, 8-6-2013)

Sec. 126-1318. Exceptions.

This division shall not apply to a building and/or property that is actively undergoing construction or repair as evidenced by a valid building permit and the person in charge is progressing diligently to complete the repair or construction. This exception does not apply to requirements relevant to public safety and health concerns.

(Ord. No. 13-003, § 1, 8-6-2013)

Sec. 126-1319. Enforcement.

A violation of this division shall be enforced pursuant to any of the alternative means of enforcement authorized in section 1-15 of the Sanibel Code of Ordinances.

(Ord. No. 13-003, § 1, 8-6-2013)

Sec. 126-1320. Appeals.

The person in charge shall have the right to contest the abatement notice by filing a written appeal of that decision to the city council, addressed to the office of the city manager, within ten days after any hand delivered or mailed notice of violation is received or otherwise legally served upon the person in charge. Any person aggrieved by the requirements of this division may seek an appeal in accordance with procedures set forth in section 14-270 of the Sanibel Code.

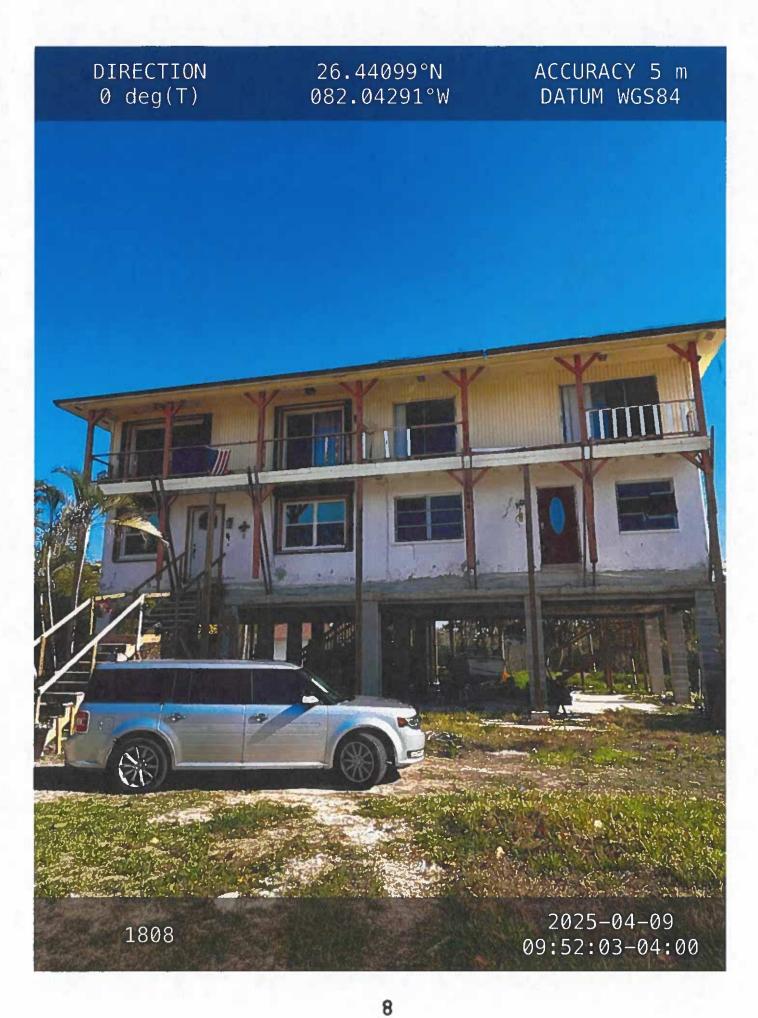
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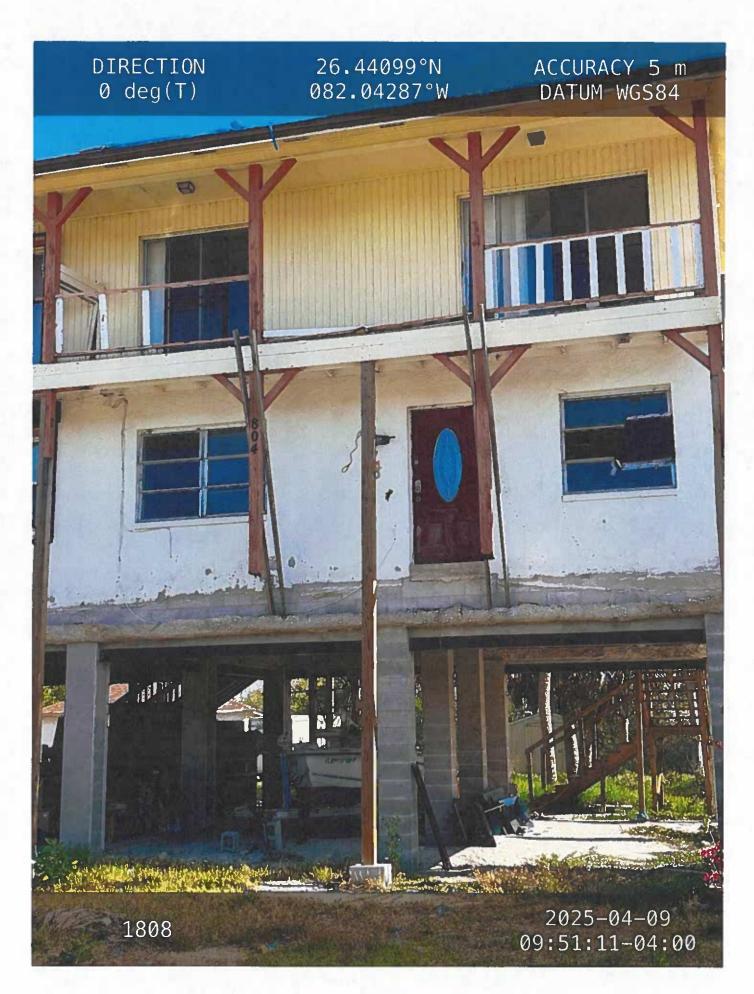
Sec. 126-1321. Supplemental code provisions.

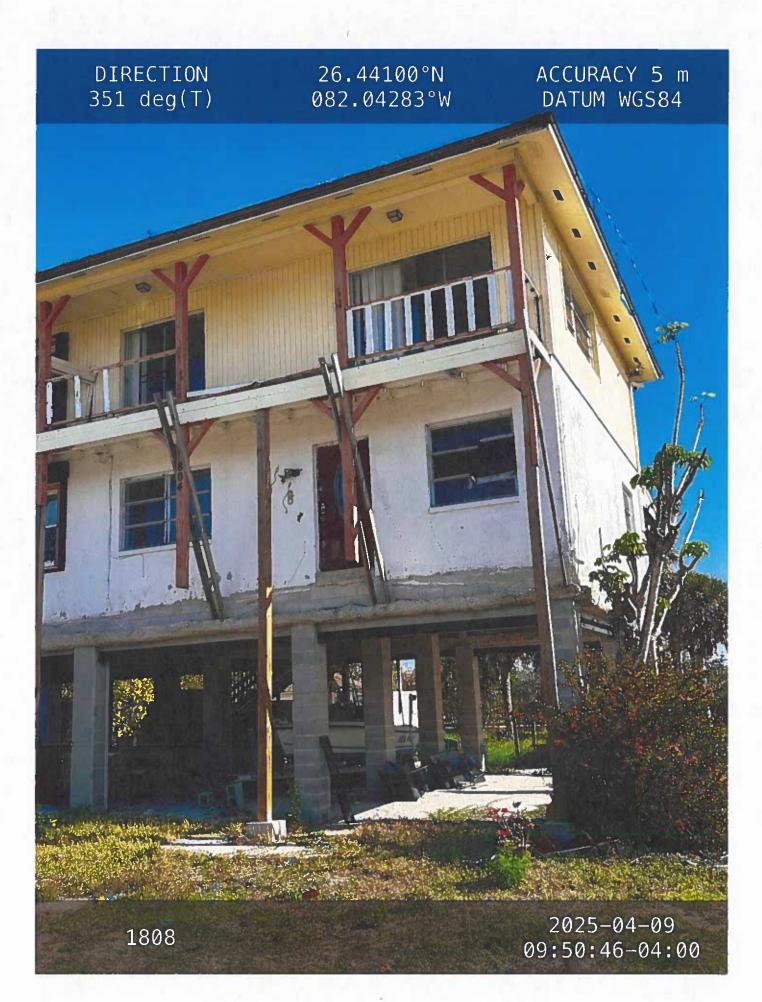
This chapter is supplemental to all other provisions and requirements of the Sanibel Code of Ordinances and nothing herein shall be construed to limit, in any way, the enforcement of any condition or violation through any other provision of the Code of Ordinances, the Florida Building Code or any other applicable state or local law.

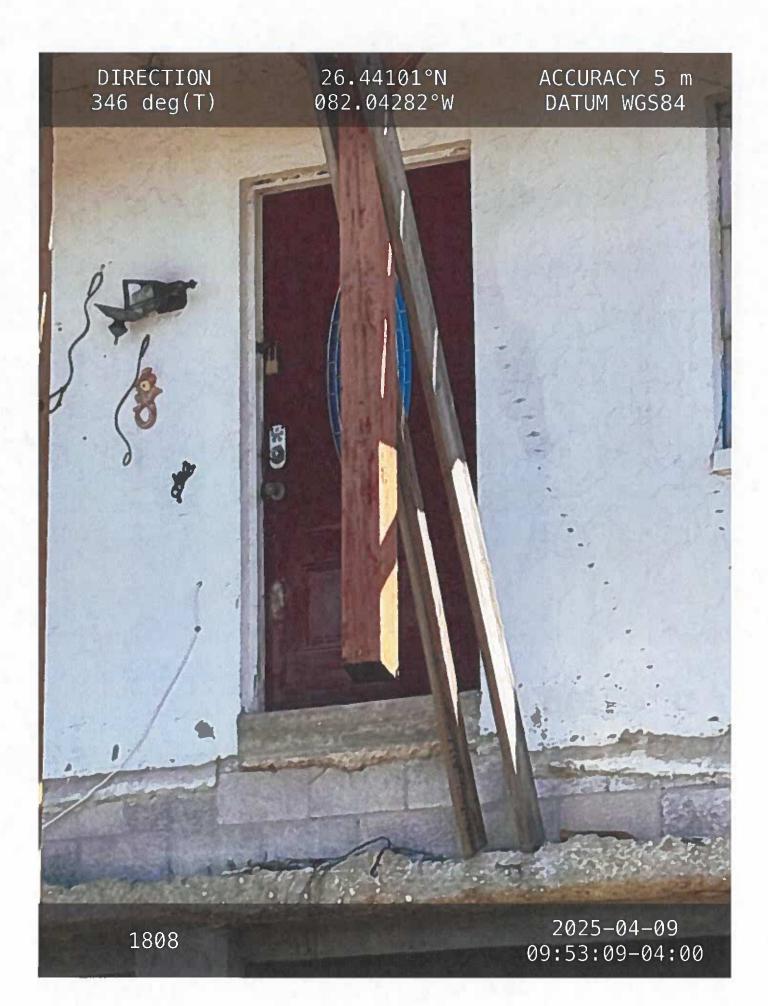
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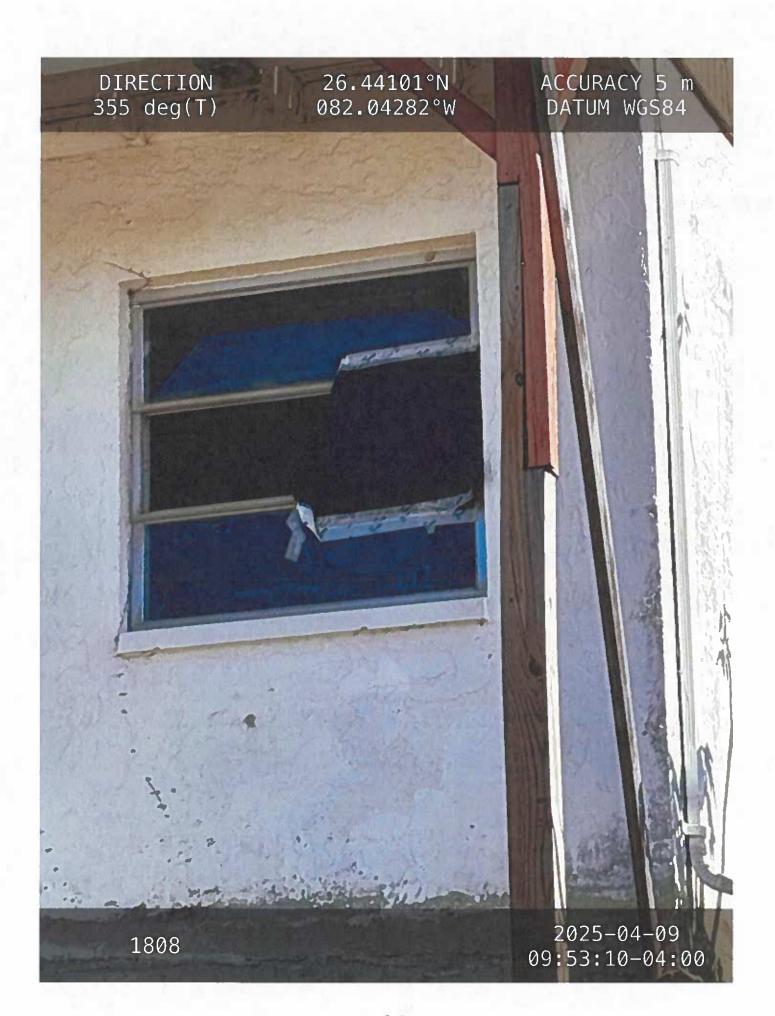
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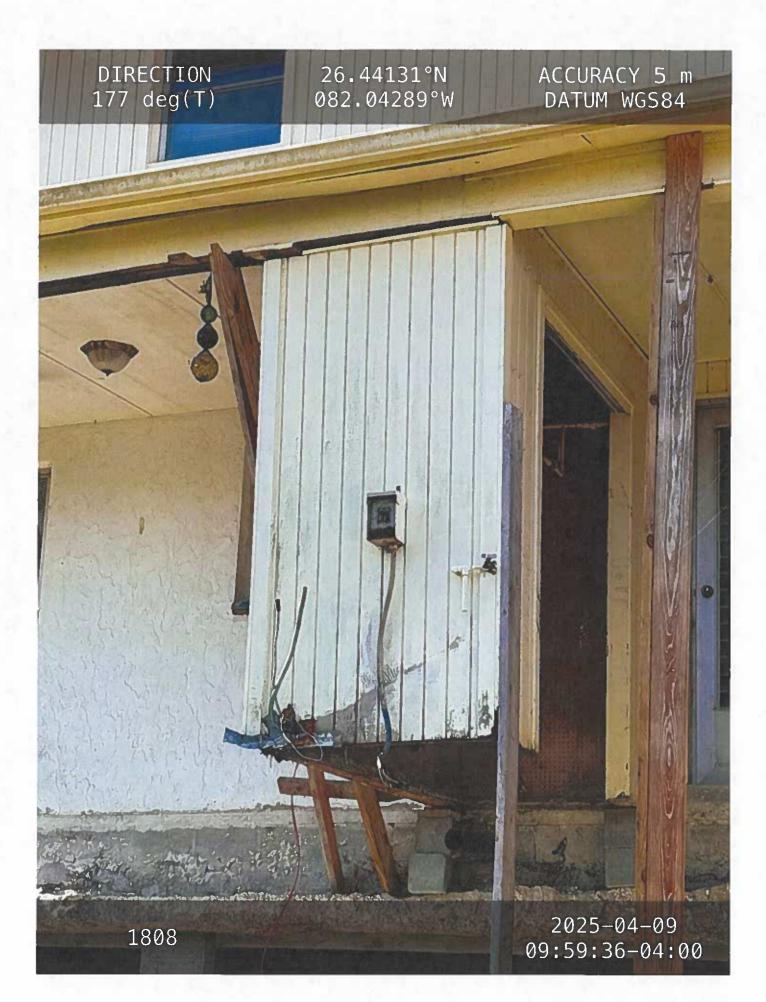


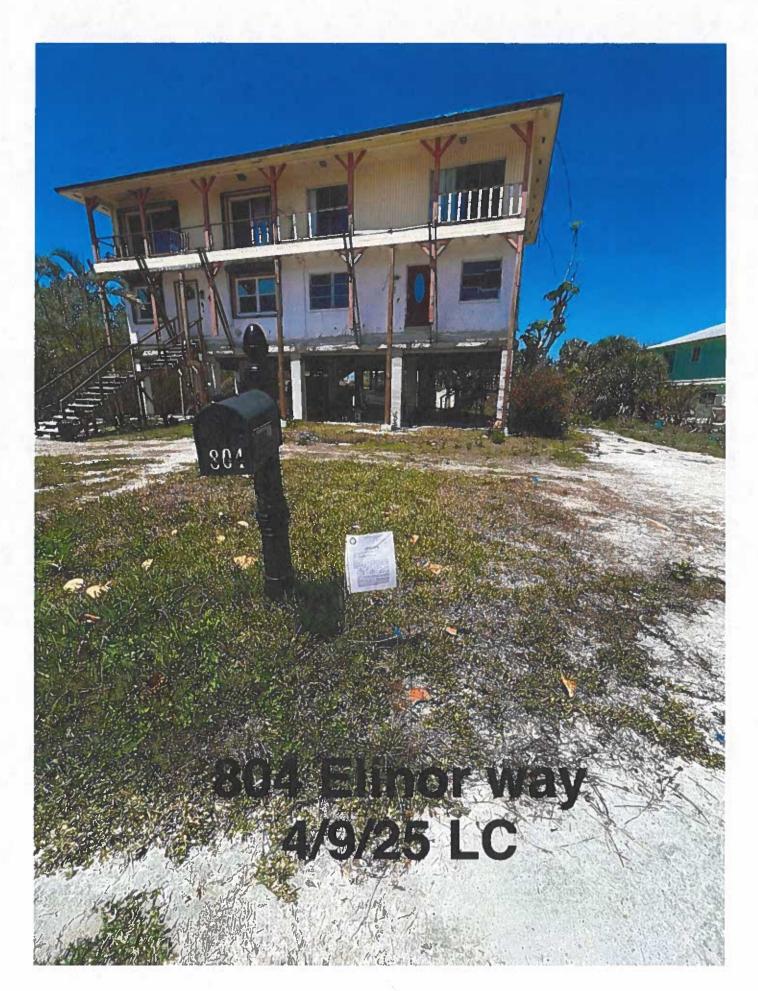


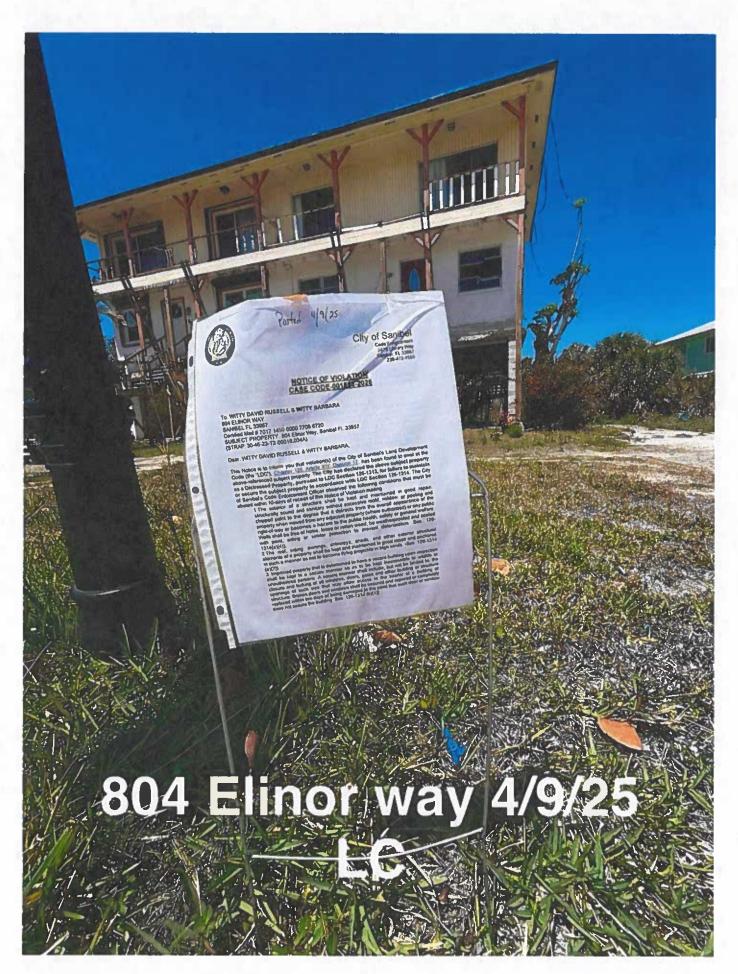












Code Officer Affidavit

As it pertains to Code Case 2025-001528

- I, Lisamarie Cardona, Code Officer for the City of Sanibel, swear and affirm that the following information is true and accurate:
 - On April 9, 2025, I posted the Notice of Violation on the property location

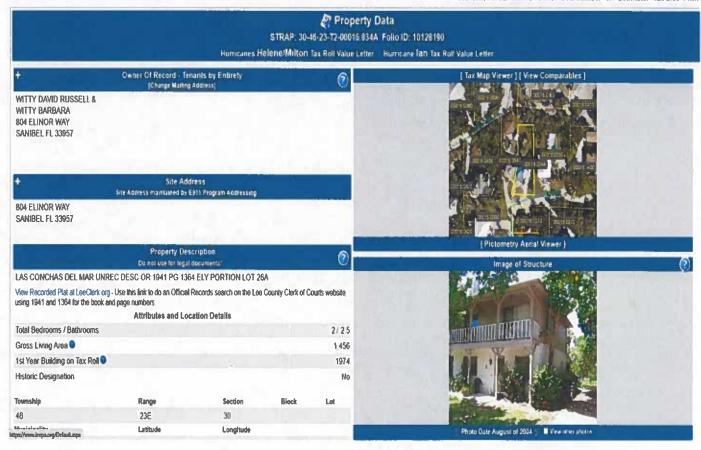
at 804 Elinor Way, Sanibel, Florida 33957, as demonstrated in the photos, and at City Hall located at 800 Dunlop Rd as provided for in Florida Statutes 162.12.

Signature of Code Officer

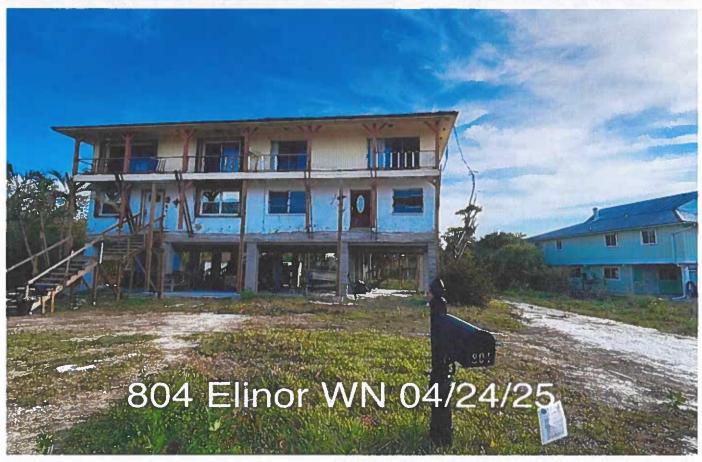
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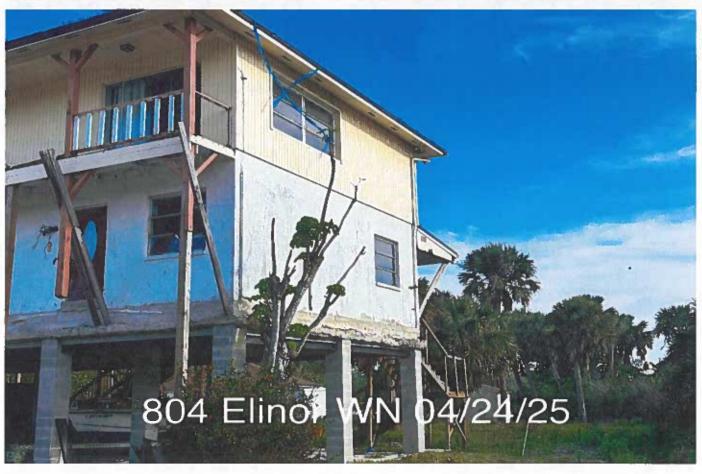














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NOTICE OF HEARING CASE NO. 2025-001528

CITY OF SANIBEL vs WITTY DAVID RUSSELL & WITTY BARBARA 804 ELINOR WAY SANIBEL FL 33957

SUBJECT PROPERTY: 804 Elinor Way., Sanibel FL 33957

Strap: 30-46-23-T2-00016.034A

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ON: June 9, 2025 @ 1 p.m.

A Hearing will be held on June 9, 2025, before the Sanibel Code Enforcement Hearing Examiner/ Special Magistrate. This hearing will commence at 1 p.m. at Mackenzie Hall 800 Dunlop Road, in the City of Sanibel, Florida, in accordance with Section 2-351 and 2-352 of the Sanibel Code of Ordinances to determine whether you have violated one or more provisions and/or sections of the City of Sanibel's ordinances. Said ordinances are set forth in the Notice of Violation dated 4/22/2025 sworn to by the Code Enforcement officer of the City of Sanibel. (Attached)

You are entitled to be represented by counsel, present testimony, and evidence, and to testify on your behalf. Subpoenas for records, surveys, plats and other materials, and for witnesses may be requested and will be issued by the City upon proper request.

IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION OF THE BODY WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING OR HEARING, SHE/HE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSES MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, TO INCLUDE HEARING IMPAIRMENT, SHOULD CONTACT DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, NO LATER THAN ONE DAY PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDINGS AT (239) 472-3700. FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IF HEARING IMPAIRED, TELEPHONE THE FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE AT 711.

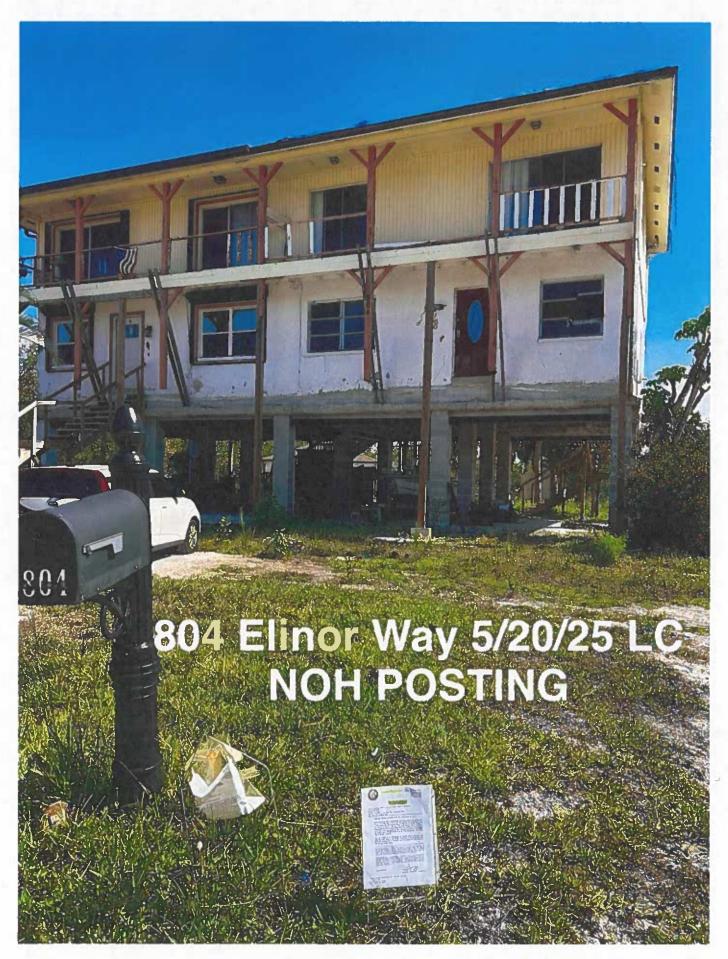
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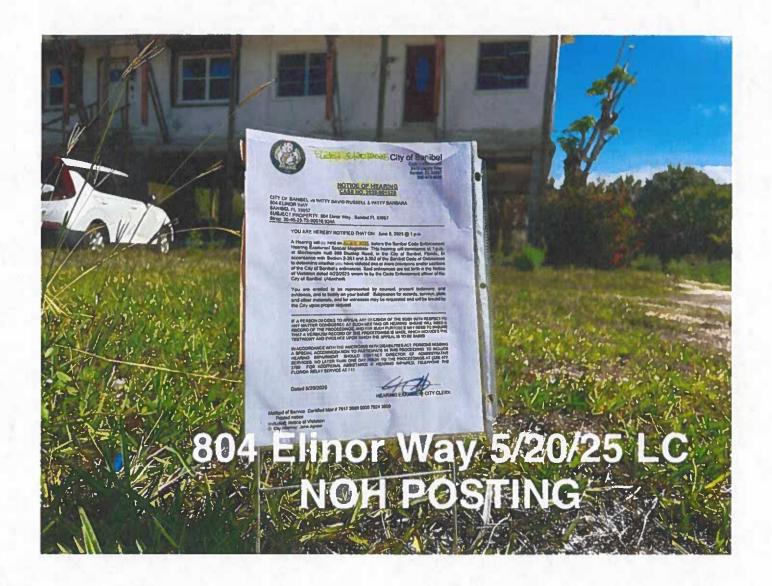
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Included: Notice of Violation C: City Attorney, John Agnew





Code Officer Affidavit

As it pertains to Code Case 2025-001528

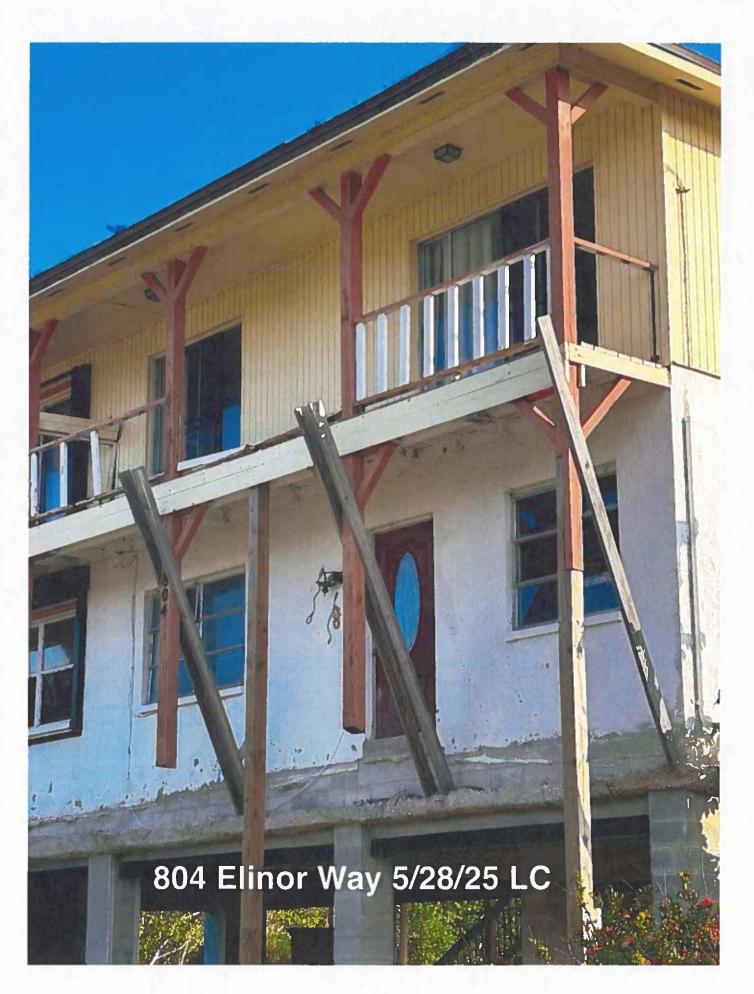
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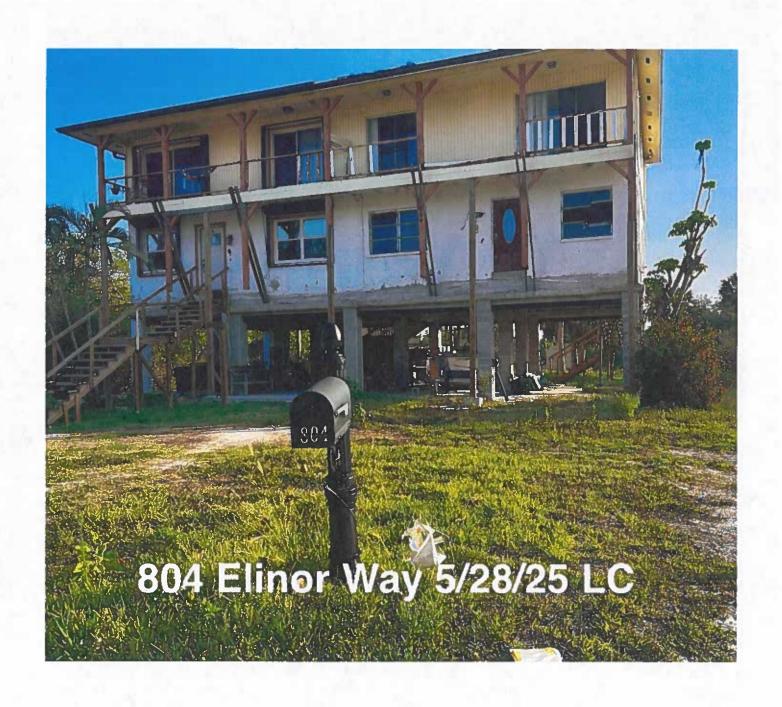
On May 20, 2025, I posted the Notice of Hearing on the property location at 804 Elinor Way., Sanibel, Florida 33957, as demonstrated in the photos, and at City Hall located at 800 Dunlop Rd as provided for in Florida Statutes 162.12.

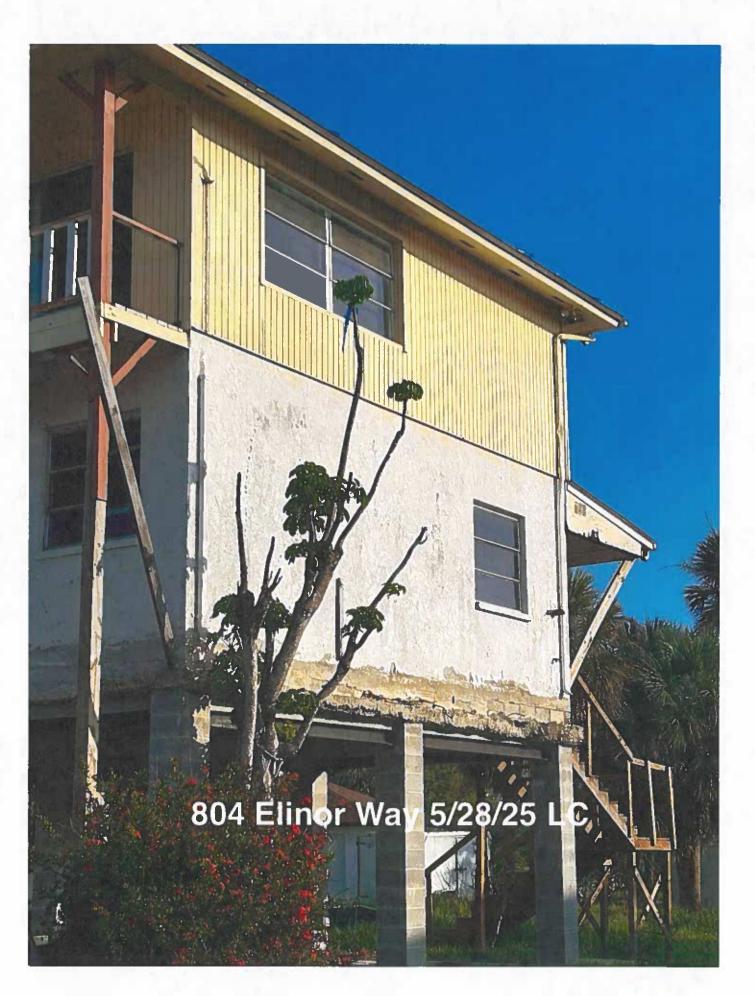
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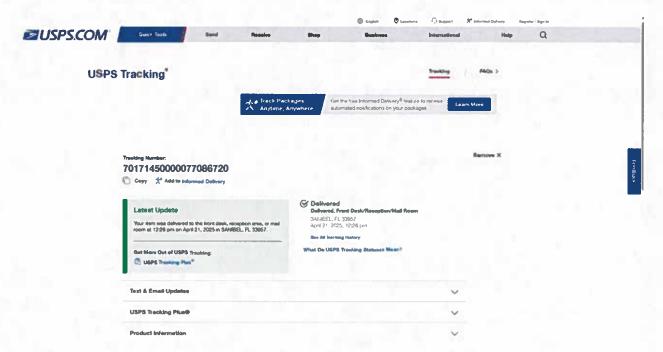








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Domestic Ratum Receipt

Standard Administrative Costs for Hearing Case Through First Hearing Case #2025-001528

CHARGE	PER HOUR	NO. HOURS or INSPECTIONS	TOTAL
Inspections	\$50.00 each	3	\$150.00
Certified Mailings	\$10.00/\$35/Intl. each		\$ 20.00
City Attorney/case prep	\$280.00		\$
Staff Case review-at various stages during process with the Planning Director and/or City Manager.	\$75.00 per case		\$75
City staff required at hearing.	\$75.00 per hearing		\$75
Code Enforcement Mgr.	\$59.73	1	\$ 59.73
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Deputy Planning Director	\$84.03		\$
Albert Sanchez	\$45.45		\$
Senior Planner	\$84.03		\$
Police Officer	\$52.85		\$
Sabine Schroeder	\$34.54		\$
City Manager	\$165.54		\$
Scotty Lynn Kelly	\$86.11	.5	\$43.05
Natural Resources Director	\$110.65		\$
Building Official	\$115.49		\$
Dana Dettmar	\$56.86		\$
Joel Caouette	\$62.13		
Deputy Building Official	\$77.30		
Hearing Examiner Tony Gargano, Esq			\$
		TOTAL COSTS TO DATE	\$ 422.78

The City of Sanibel requests that the Hearing Examiner find a violation in case #2025-001528. We further request that the respondent be given not more than 10 days to abate the violation and that prosecution costs of \$ 422.78 be assessed to the respondent.

Glenn Nixon

Glenn Nixon Code Enforcement Manager City of Sanibel, Florida