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Room 330 City Hall & Court House

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Review Request for Extension of Additional Time for Appeal of Mario Sanchez Marquez to a Correction Order at 1275 FREMONT AVENUE.

Sponsors: Prince

Mario Sanchez Marquez, owner, and an interpreter appeared.

Ms. Moermond:

-we talked about this case some time ago

Inspector Paula Seeley:

-you emailed Inspector James Hoffman to go out & take photos; he took recent photos Dec 14, 2016

-Jul 11, Inspector Hoffman sent a Correction Notice to repair the holes/peeling paint on the garage; remove weeds from driveway; and to remove the chicken wire fence (temporary fencing is not allowed).

-Dec 14, Mr. Hoffman went out; there had been no work done on the garage; he had given Appellant 2 weeks to work on the garage; and the fencing is still up; I spoke with Mr. Hoffman & I have no problem giving the Appellant until spring or Jun 1, 2017 to work on the garage

-there are a lot of weeds growing thru the driveway (no notes on it in Dec)

-now, there's a car with expired tabs

Ms. Moermond:

-Orders last Jul: maintenance on garage siding; driveway was in disrepair; fence was in disrepair; at the time, I recommended to City Council that the Appellant get an extension to Jan 1, 2017 on the driveway and to bring the rest into compliance; it's been 6 months since the original Order was written

-I'm looking for some sign that any progress has been made

Ms. Mai Vang:

-nothing's been done

Ms. Moermond:

-this is a disappointment; the Council had imposed a deadline which was not met; what are the department's obligations?

-I think that there are two: 1) either write an Excessive Consumption; or 2) eventually, a Criminal Citation

Ms. Seeley:

-or we would remove the chicken wire fence ourselves; most likely, we write an Excessive Consumption

Mr. Marquez:

-of everything that's been asked of me, I've just done the roof; friends were going to help me in Nov with the siding & the floor but something came up -my wife had surgery on Nov 29 (has proof); I don't have a full time job - just my wife has a full time job; &my wife hasn't worked for 2 months; sometimes I work; sometimes, I don't; what little bit of money that we had for the repairs had to be used to pay the bills for the house

-I know what I have to do; I just need some time to accumulate the money & for the snow to go away

-I haven't taken down the fence; it's for my 2 dogs (Labrador & Husky); if I take the fence away, the dogs will leave; they already got away & I had to pay a fine to the city; I want to put some sensors in the ground for the dogs, but I don't have the money yet, so I haven't done it; can you give me more time?

Ms. Moermond:

-one problem with the fence is that it's temporary & it's bent down; it should be tight; it's a simple repair that's better than removing it; (asked Mr. Marquez to come up & look at the photos)

-you can't have more than a 6 1/2 ft fence in the back yard & side yards; in the front yard, a fence can be only 4 ft; that fence looks closer to a 10 ft fence (guess)

-I want to fence to be in good shape - solid

Mr. Marquez:

-money is the problem

-if I shorten the fence, my dogs are going to leave - jump over

-with the dogs, no one has stolen from me or broke the glass in my car & stole the car's computer; with the garage there, it doesn't let me see

Ms. Moermond:

-I want to work with you

-OK; can you have it done by Jul 1, 2017?

-have you called to get financial help?

Mr. Marquez:

-I will try to do it by Jul 1

-no, because when you ask for monty, they always look to see if you're working - and we have debts

-my wife started back to work in Dec - a couple of hours

Ms. Moermond:

-I will give you another resource: Brush with Kindness Program, Habitat for Humanity; I don't think that they have those income issues (Mai will put the phone number in her letter)

-I will talk with Councilmember Prince tomorrow to see if she is agreeable with this plan

-deadline: Jul 1, 2017

A new resolution will be drafted for the February 1, 2017 Public Hearing to grant Owner additional time until July 1, 2017 for compliance.

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