



# CITY OF FORT PIERCE

## DIVISIONS OF CODE ENFORCEMENT & ANIMAL CONTROL

MARGARET M. ARRAIZ, CODE COMPLIANCE MANAGER

### REQUEST FOR A REDUCTION OR RESCINDMENT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT FINES / LIENS

Date:	January 16, 2014		
Property address:	811 Delaware Ave. Fort Pierce, FL 34950		
Owner(s) of record:	Michael James Beck		
Mailing address:	3608 Juan Ortiz Circle Fort Pierce, FL 34947		
Property tax ID #:	2410-709-0014-000-2		
Original purchase date:	08/01/2013	Original purchase price:	\$13,500.00
Other Information:	<input type="checkbox"/> Inherited Property	<input type="checkbox"/> Purchased at Tax Sale	<input type="checkbox"/> Adjoining Property Owner
Property is used for:	<input type="checkbox"/> Single Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant Lot
Name of person requesting reduction:	Michael Beck	Relationship to owner(s):	
Telephone #:	609-892-6855	Mobile phone #:	609-892-6855
E-mail:	<a href="mailto:Michaelbeck@vcmg.us">Michaelbeck@vcmg.us</a>	Preferred contact method:	Email
What are owner(s) intentions for property:	I intend to use the property as the primary office for my company, VCMG		
Amount of Fine:		Date Fine Initiated:	
Are there current code violations?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Explain: (please attached notice)
Is a lien filed against the property?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	If yes, what is the lien amount? \$376,980.00
Is property listed for sale?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	If yes, what is listing price?
Is property under contract for sale?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	If yes, what is the sale price?

AMOUNT OF FINE / LIEN \$376,980.00 \_\_\_\_\_

DOLLAR AMOUNT REQUESTING TO BE WAIVED \$376,980.00 \_\_\_\_\_

DOLLAR AMOUNT I AGREE TO PAY \$0 \_\_\_\_\_

If the city waives any fees, interest, penalties, fine or lien amount, the undersigned does hereby agree to pay the remainder within sixty (60) days from the date of the Board, Magistrate or Commission's decision unless an alternate time frame is specified in the motion.

  
 (Signature of Owner or Representative)

Michael Beck Jr  
 (Printed Name)



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### REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF PENALTY

By completing this form, you are making statements under oath. Failure to be truthful is a violation of Fort Pierce City Code and Florida Statutes pertaining to perjury, which is a felony punishable by up to fifteen (15) years imprisonment.

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please fill in blanks completely.
2. Be specific when writing your statement. Use additional pages if necessary.
3. If you are claiming medical or financial hardship, attach supporting documentation (i.e. doctor's statement or proof of income).
4. Complete either the application for Waiver of Penalties (lot clearing / demolition) or Request for Reduction / Rescindment (code enforcement fines).
5. For lot clearing or demolition liens, contact Kathy D'Arton in the Finance Department (772-467-3076) for cost / fees breakdown.
6. For code enforcement liens (those imposed by a Special Magistrate or Code Enforcement Board), contact Colleen Greer (772-467-3149) for cost / fees breakdown.
7. If you do not have access to a Notary of the Public, one will be provided to you by the Department at no charge. All forms must be signed in the presence of the Notary to be valid.
8. Return this form, the application and any other pertinent documentation to the Code Enforcement Department.
9. Requests for Reduction / Rescindment of code enforcement liens must be heard before either the Code Enforcement Board or Special Magistrate prior to being heard before the City Commission.

Property Address: 811 Delaware Ave. Fort Pierce, FL 34950

Property Owner: Michael Beck

Mailing Address: 3608 Juan Ortiz Circle, Fort Pierce, FL 34947

Telephone #: 772-618-2381 ext. 22 Cell Phone #: 609-892-6855

E-Mail Address: MichaelBeck@vcmg.us

Is the property in compliance?   No   If no, please explain Property is in compliance with all violations that caused fines and/or liens to be imposed. The property is in the process of being finished so as to be able to accommodate company offices, including but not limited to being in compliance with all City and ADA codes.



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I, Michael Beck, do hereby submit this Petition in request for a reduction in the total amount of the penalty imposed and in support offer the following statement:

The total penalty on the above mentioned property should be reduced for a multitude of reasons. The first being that the fines and/or liens started to accrue under a previous owner who let the property fall into a state of absolute disrepair, thus affecting the property value of surrounding parcels as well as the overall aesthetic value of the historic Oakland Park neighborhood. The previous owner made no attempt to either bring the property into compliance or pay any of the fines and/or liens associated with the violations, essentially abandoning the property with no plan to return. Prior to me purchasing the property the city was left with the very likely outcome of demolition and the loss of a great historic building with no one insight to help alleviate the cost, or to purchase the property. Since I have come into ownership I have worked tirelessly and at great personal cost to bring the historic building into full compliance with all city codes and regulations. As a contributing citizen of the great city of Fort Pierce, I wish to bring this historic building back to its original glory, thereby improving the Oakland Park neighborhood, one of Fort Pierce's most historic and treasured neighborhoods, as a whole. It is not my goal to simply renovate the property in an effort to sell the building but to move the headquarters of my very successful General Contracting company into the building. I believe that by purchasing this property in an effort to renovate

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and move my company into the building ensures that a tax paying, contributing member of the Fort Pierce community who sincerely cares about the city will be on the property for years to come. I have already spent an exceptional amount of money in repairs and have no intention to stop until the property is fully back to its original, beautiful state, and ready to accommodate business once again. It is a great sign of economic turnaround when we can bring business back to the downtown sector while preserving the history and tradition of the great city. I ask that you do not deter this turnaround but instead waive the fines and/or liens knowing that the long term effects of what I am trying to do will have a much greater positive impact on the economy, aesthetics of the historic neighborhood, and on surrounding property values. This will also be an example to other businesspeople or homeowners who wish to buy dilapidated properties within the core center of the city in an effort to move their businesses or homes but are hesitant because of code violation fines and liens that are on the property due to no fault of their own. A reduction shows that Fort Pierce is ready and willing to keep improving an already great city.

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Date: 1/16/2014

Signed:

Print Name: Michael Beck Jr.

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, the undersigned authority MICHAEL BECK JR.  
who acknowledged before me that the information contained herein is true and correct. He / She is not  
personally known to me and has produced Drivers License  
as identification.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

Notary Public, State of Florida

