

Vincent T. Benjamin
239 W. 63rd St., Apt 6C
New York, NY 10023

June 1, 2018

The Sunrise City
Fort Pierce Florida
City Clerk's Office

Dear Parties: Mrs. Linda W. Cox (City Clerk), Mrs. Peggy Arraiz (Code Compliance Manager), and Mrs. Linda Hudson (Fort Pierce City Mayor).

Pursuant to Resolution 18-R21, thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to be heard at the Public Hearing before the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida. Due to military obligations, unfortunately, I am not able to attend this face-to-face meeting. I would like to respectfully ask for additional time to become fully compliant with the City of Fort Pierce Code enforcement; therefore, I am asking that the building located at 1700 N. 16th street, Fort Pierce, FL, 34950, be put on hold and not condemned, and its removal or destruction required.

I, Vincent Benjamin, have invested over \$175,000 into this property located at 1700 N. 16th street, Fort Pierce, FL, 34950. I have made every possible attempt to make this property safe and habitable. Originally, the older structure that was on this property was unsafe and dilapidated. I invested heavily to have the unsafe and dilapidated parts removed and made safe. The amount of resources such as time, money, energy, and the maneuvering of putting together a time to do qualified work that would pass all city inspections has been a daunting task while serving overseas in military deployments. However, I was able to manage getting the older structure demolished and renewed while complying with all city inspections. The part of the house that was not touched is made of concrete blocks and was in sound condition. However, after reviewing the concerns from the City of Fort Pierce Code Enforcement as it pertains to this part of the house, I have also made additional modifications to secure the property and make it safer. The following details have been made: inside this part of the house, there are props securing an already secure and intact roof to prevent unsafe structures; I have posted no trespassing signs all around this property to warn humans not to enter or they will be prosecuted under the law; all windows, and entry ways has been boarded up, leaving no way for persons to gain access to this property in order to prevent any human occupancy or hazard to the public. With being highly invested and in-debt with this property, I believe it would be a terrible idea to tear down a part of this structure for the following reasons: money, time and energy would be wasted; it would affect the newest roof addition; exposed the newest addition of the house to the elements of the weather; it would take longer to recover from an already fragile situation in respect to expenses for repairing the house as is.

I am presently seeking out different architects to come up with plans to further develop this property. My objectives are as follows: to remove the older flat top roof and install a new one;

connect the new and old additions together; install new windows and doors to the entire house; close in the entire house meeting all city codes.

With all due respect, I hope I have shown just cause with the amount of progress made thus far in order to ask for additional time to become fully compliant with the Fort Pierce City Code Enforcement. If given the opportunity for the additional time that is needed, I will fully comply with all City codes to bring this property to a safe and habitable dwelling.

Respectfully,

Vincent Benjamin

Vincent T. Benjamin
Property Owner

WITNESS' SIGNATURE:

Richard Auguste

WITNESS' PRINTED FULL LEGAL NAME:

RICHARD AUGUSTE

WITNESS' SIGNATURE:

Jeffrey Jeanniton

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Acknowledgement:

STATE OF Florida

COUNTY OF St. Lucie

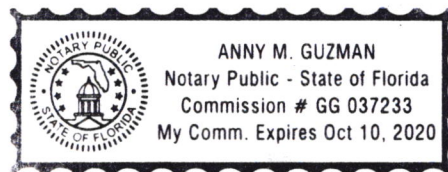
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 3rd day of June, 2018 by Vincent T. Benjamin, and who has produced Driver licenses as identification.

Anny M. Guzman
Signature of person taking acknowledgment

Anny M. Guzman
Name typed, printed, or stamped

Notary
Title or rank

GG 037233
Serial number (if applicable)



GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Vincent T. Benjamin, residing at 239 W. 63rd St., New York, NY 10023, hereby appoint Tonya D. Dixon as my Attorney-in-Fact ("Agent") concerning property 1700 N. 16th St., Fort Pierce, FL 34950.

My Agent shall have full power and authority to act on my behalf. This power and authority shall authorize my Agent to manage and conduct all of my affairs and to exercise all of my legal rights and powers, including all rights and powers that I may acquire in the future concerning the above property. My Agent's powers shall include, but not be limited to, the power to:

1. Take any and all legal steps necessary to collect any amount or debt owed to me, or to settle any claim, whether made against me or asserted on my behalf against any other person or entity.
2. Enter into binding contracts on my behalf.
3. Manage, insure, improve, repair, or perform any other act with respect to my property (now owned) including, but not limited to, real estate and real estate rights.
4. Prepare, sign, and file documents with any governmental body or agency, including, but not limited to, authorization to:
 - a. Obtain information or documents from any government or its agencies, and negotiate, compromise, or settle any matter with such government or agency.
 - b. Prepare applications, provide information, and perform any other act reasonably requested by any government or its agencies in connection with governmental benefits (including military).
5. Disclaim any interest which might otherwise be transferred or distributed to me from any other person, estate, trust, or other entity, as may be appropriate.

This Power of Attorney shall be construed broadly as a General Power of Attorney. The listing of specific powers is not intended to limit or restrict the general powers granted in this Power of Attorney in any manner.

Any power or authority granted to my Agent under this document shall be limited to the extent necessary to prevent this Power of Attorney from causing: (i) my income to be taxable to my Agent, (ii) my assets to be subject to a general power of appointment by my Agent, and (iii) my Agent to have any incidents of ownership with respect to any life insurance policies that I may own on the life of my Agent.

My Agent shall not be liable for any loss that results from a judgment error that was made in good faith. However, my Agent shall be liable for willful misconduct or the failure to act in good faith while acting under the authority of this Power of Attorney.

I authorize my Agent to indemnify and hold harmless any third party who accepts and acts under this document.

My Agent shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for any services provided as my Agent. My Agent shall be entitled to reimbursement of all reasonable expenses incurred in connection with this Power of Attorney.

My Agent shall provide an accounting for all funds handled and all acts performed as my Agent, if I so request or if such a request is made by any authorized personal representative or fiduciary acting on my behalf.

This Power of Attorney shall become effective immediately and shall not be affected by my disability or lack of mental competence, except as may be provided otherwise by an applicable state statute. This is a Durable Power of Attorney. This Power of Attorney shall continue effective until my death. This Power of Attorney may be revoked by me at any time by providing written notice to my Agent.

Dated June 1, 2018.

SIGNATURE:

Vincent Benjamin

YOUR PRINTED FULL LEGAL NAME:

VINCENT T. BENJAMIN

WITNESS' SIGNATURE:

Richard Auguste

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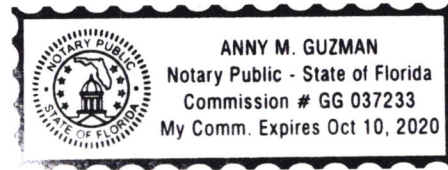
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This document was prepared by:

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