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To: City of Ft. Pierce, Code Enforcement

Building Department

Re: Letter pertaining to Notice of Violation Hearing on  
Signage at 6643 Darter Ct., Ft Pierce, Fl.

As Owners and Landlords of the above referenced property, we are writing to explain our position in this matter.

The present Tenant has never paid rent in the year since he has opened. He has cited expenses and lack of business as his reason. He has been informing us that he was working with Shaun to obtain extensions on the permit required for a sign.

On January 27, 2018 we received our forwarded mail from California to Florida. Our home was flooded in Hurricane Irma and we have been working to repair it. In our forwarded mail was the letter regarding the Notice of Violation Hearing. I immediately contacted the Tenant and he informed me that the problem was taken care of and that he would contact Shaun Coss and Colleen Greer. We left on January 28th. on a cruise to celebrate my wife's 70th. Birthday. On our return I called Colleen Greer and left a message. I did not get a response so I called Shaun to confirm that the violation had been resolved. He informed me that this violation had not been resolved by the Tenant.

I called the Tenant and he immediately called Shaun and said that they came to an agreement to rectify the problem. The Tenant will have the sign removed now and the city will go to the property and take a photo to verify this. The Tenant also sent me an email that he will be vacating the property by May 1, 2018 to avoid legal costs of eviction. I called Shaun to verify this information and he informed me that I should write this letter requesting a hearing to hopefully vacate the fines. The Tenant (Alex Fotsis) has said that he would appear at the hearing but from his previous actions I am sure it will mean a trip for me to be there. This property has been an enormous burden for us as we have not had a good Tenant in years and the sales in that area are very low.

Sincerely,

  
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