



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

Date:	Apr 18, 2018		
Property address:	1705 Ave G, Fort Pierce, FL 34950		
Owner(s) of record:	Christopher Howson		
Mailing address:	10791 Greycliffe Dr		
Property tax ID #:	2404-711-0026-000/7		
Original purchase date:	8/22/2005	Original purchase price:	\$ 78,000
Property is used for:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial
		<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant Lot
Name of person requesting reduction:	Chris Howson	Relationship to owner(s):	self
Telephone #:	303-921-9260	Mobile phone #:	same
E-mail:	Cshowson@gmail.com	Preferred contact method:	Ambermay0715@gmail.com
What are owner(s) intentions for property:	Investment + future build		
Are there current code violations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Explain: (please attached notice)
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

\$ 67,840.⁰⁰

DOLLAR AMOUNT REQUESTING TO BE WAIVED

\$ 64,840.⁰⁰

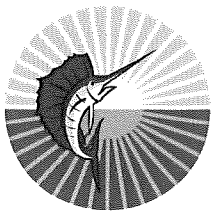
DOLLAR AMOUNT I AGREE TO PAY

\$ 3,000.⁰⁰

Signature of Owner or Representative

4/18/18

Date



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 the appropriate application for lien reduction / rescindment.
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 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 are governed by Rule 17 of the City's Rules & Regulation for Code Enforcement Board and Special Magistrate.

Property Address: 1705 Ave G, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

Property Owner: Christopher Howson

Mailing Address: 10791 Greycliffe Dr, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

Telephone #: 303-921-9260 Cell Phone #: 303-921-9260

E-Mail Address: cshowson@gmail.com

Is the property in compliance? YES If no, please explain in the narrative of your request.

I, Christopher Howson, 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:

In May 2015, I entered into a sales contract with Scott Markowitz, a purported licensed contractor and local businessman who was keen to renovate, rent and property manage the home until the property value increased to a point where he could ultimately purchase it. Over time, he began renovations, and I began receiving notices of permit violations from the City. I promptly followed up with Scott on the notices, and he assured me time and time again that he would acquire the proper permitting and rectify the situation. When letters from the City continued and I pursued Scott to understand the situation, he deceived me into thinking that the letters were sent in error and he assured me that I could disregard them because he was already in the process "taking care of everything." Following that, he became slower and slower to respond to communication. Once it became clear through the ongoing correspondence from the City that Scott was not, in fact, doing anything to remedy the situation with the City, he disappeared altogether.

As soon as I understood what was happening, my wife Amber and I began to work with the City and a different local contractor (TLC Experts) to rectify the situation ourselves. Most recently, we determined that the best course of action was to demolish the home which we learned had been left in a shamble with significant termite activity and damage by the hurricane.

Between the back and forth with this "contractor" (who turned out not to be a contractor at all,) and the many months it took to understand the status of the home and eventually complete the demolition, the fines have accumulated to a significant amount. I would graciously ask for the Magistrate's consideration to reduce the fines and rescind the lien.

Signed: *Chris Howson*

Date: April 19, 2018

Print Name: CHRISTOPHER HOWSON

STATE OF COLORADO

COUNTY OF Broomfield

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, the undersigned authority Chris Howson who acknowledged before me that the information contained herein is true and correct. He or She is / is not personally known to me and has produced CO DL# 92-107-3443 as identification.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 19th day of April, 2018.

Susan R. Brink

Notary Public, State of Colorado

