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To whom it may concern with regard to:

Case # 17-0947

Property address: 1021 Ave M, Fort Pierce Fl.

Tax Id: #2404-801-0006-000-7

I am writing this letter to contest the fines levied against this property for noncompliance. First, I would like to say that I understand the importance of Code Enforcements role in preserving community safety and property values. Secondly, that I have been working to address the violations that my property has had, as fast as I can. Trust me, all my energies are geared toward wrapping up my businesses here in Texas and getting down to fix my house in Florida and go fishing and checking out the local beaches and bikinis. I already have a few friends lined up that are ready to take a working vacation in Florida to help me fix up the house. But these things are taking time. I just got the property transferred into my name about a month ago. I had saved enough money and was planning on a two week trip to Fort Pierce to file for permits and get some work done around the first of March but had an emergency operation to fix my hernia. As I don't have health insurance, this broke me. Not an excuse, just a fact.

As you know Ms. Jan Reno passed 3/1/16 and for the next year and half I battled through probate in Texas with incompetent attorneys (3 of them), to settle her estate, and get the properties in my name, so I could pull permits. This finally done, I had to figure out how to get Florida's Court system to recognize my Texas Judge's order. This required me to submit a petition and order for summary administration, which I did on 11/21/17. Judge reviewed and signed on 1/31/18 and I received said paperwork, February 6, 2018. So it's been only about a month that I could legally apply for a homeowners permit to work on house.

I was in Fort Pierce around the week of November 20, 2017 (about 3 months ago), to address Code Enforcement issues, where after meeting a Code Enforcement officer, I painted most of the outside of the house, fixed up and properly boarded up the windows and door, and hired a contractor to remove all the brush and debris from the yard. I had it looking nice and plan to keep it that way till I can get down there and fix everything. I was hoping for a reminder that maybe the grass needs cutting again, not a fine for almost \$10 k.

The piece of trim that is attached to the house that is partially rotted and the fence and posts in the back yard cannot be seen from the road. You almost need to trespass upon said property to even see them. They are not causing any structural deficiencies. They are not encroaching upon any neighbors lots, so I don't believe that these are complaint driven or even a safety issue. These minor deficiencies will be corrected as soon as possible.

The 1021 Ave M house and property has not been abandoned and I have tried to insure it is not a nuisance. I apologize for being the problem child of Ave M. I am trying my best to get there as quick as possible. There is not a day goes by that I don't wish I was in Florida, having the house fixed, and fishing.

What I am asking for is a 6 months leniency period. I feel sure that my obligations here in Texas will be addressed within 3-4 months and I can move forward with the Florida plan. If a fine is still requested or required, I would ask that it be not more than \$500.00 with a monthly payment option. If the property needs mowing, please let me know, so I can address the issue. In no way am I trying to duck my responsibilities or not comply with the rules, it has just taken a lot more time than expected.

Sincerely,

James Greenfield 512-769-7608