

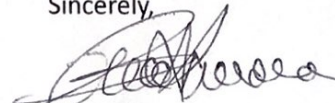
K Calderon
Code Enforcement
City of Fort Pierce
kcalderon@cityoffortpierce.com

4/11/24

Dear Ms Calderone,

Thank you for taking time to speak with me today. I am officially contesting a fine and charge for lot clearing fees charged to me on 3/27 for clearing a lot I own on 423 N 19th St. The case number is 24-00000101, I am customer number 2747/4765 and the invoice I am contesting is 40724. I was sent a notice of violation by a Mr Jose Carrasco dated January 19, 2024. I did not receive the notice by regular mail until mid- February which is a bit annoying but I dealt with the notice immediately. Mr Carrasco reports that I was sent a registered letter but I can assure you I did not receive this and I know you do not have a signed receipt by me. Nonetheless, I immediately contacted the folks that have mowed my lots (I have more than one) and Mr. Robert Wright contacted the city and met with someone from Fort Pierce after the notice arrived; he was unclear as to the official lot lines and boundaries. Evidently, he did not know the official size of the lot and previously cleared only part of it on a regular basis. I was notified by Ms Zell Wright, Robert's wife, that the entire lot was cleared and was within compliance by 2/23 and immediately paid his invoice. Mr Carrasco subsequently had my lot cleared 2/25, two days after it was cleared by Mr Wright. I don't know why I am being charged a fee and a fine for clearance of a lot that was cleared two days earlier. I doubt that Mr Carrasco reinspected the lot prior to 2/25 and nowhere in the initial notification was I asked to contact him after the lot was cleared. I have been a good lot owner. I previously received a letter from Fort Pierce thanking me for keeping my lots in such good shape. I am including pictures pre and post clearance taken by Mr Wright on 2/23. I think it is unfair that I am required to pay for clearance of a lot that was cleared prior to the supposed clearance on 2/25 and object to the delay in notification that there was a problem. If you can show me a signed receipt of a registered letter I will reconsider this. I suggest that I be contacted by email at bfer@comcast.net so there is no delay or the time to respond is reasonable considering the frequent delay in regular mail. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Bruce Ferrara



THE SUNRISE CITY
FORT PIERCE
CODE ENFORCEMENT

Florida

NOTICE TO THE OWNER AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED

January 19, 2024

Tax ID #: 2409-602-0241-000/0

Case #: 24-00000101

FERRARA FAMILY LIMITED PARTNER
4200 WEST 44TH ST
EDINA, MN 55424

ADDRESS: 423 N 19TH ST

THE PROPERTY LISTED ABOVE IS IN VIOLATION OF THE FOLLOWING AND AS SUCH HAS BEEN DECLARED A NUISANCE:

Section: 21-19, 21-20, 21-21

Nuisance as a Condition

(9) Any trash, litter, debris, garbage, bottles, paper, plastic, metals, cans, rags, offal, bricks, concrete, lumber, building materials, or dead or decaying plants, (except for compost piles) or animals of any kind.

(10) Any condition which provides, or could provide, harborage for rats, mice, snakes, insects or other vermin.

(18) Any landscaping element that is not well-maintained including but not limited to lawns, hedges, bushes and trees. Such landscaping elements shall be kept trimmed and free from becoming overgrown and unsightly where exposed to public view and where the same may constitute a blighting factor thereby depreciating adjoining property

THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS MUST BE TAKEN TO REMEDY THE NUISANCE:

1. Cut all grass and weeds as needed.
2. Trim all trees, shrubs and bushes to comply with the requirements of the above-stated sections of the Fort Pierce Code of Ordinances. We recommend compliance with the CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) Basic Principles and Concepts relating to Landscaping as a satisfactory remedy. These standards recommend that all trees, shrubs and bushes be trimmed up to seven (7) feet to prevent reduced visibility.
3. Remove all trash, debris, and branches. If this is a vacant lot or a property without utilities, the Solid Waste Department will not remove trash, debris or other items. Please make necessary arrangements to have all debris removed from the property.

Dated this January 19, 2024.

Sincerely,

Jose Carrasco
Code Enforcement Officer
(772)467-3152
E-mail: Jcarrasco@cityoffortpierce.com



January 19, 2024

Property address: 423 N 19TH ST

Tax ID #: 2409-602-0241-000/0

FERRARA FAMILY LIMITED PARTNER
4200 WEST 44TH ST
EDINA, MN 55424

Re: Case # 24-00000101

NOTICE TO THE OWNER AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED

PURSUANT TO THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE CODE OF ORDINANCES, AN INSPECTION WAS MADE AT THE PROPERTY LISTED ABOVE. IT WAS FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THE FOLLOWING AND HAS BEEN DECLARED A NUISANCE.

Section 24-19 – Maintenance of nuisance on property prohibited

No person in charge of or in control of any object or condition within the city, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee or otherwise, shall allow any such object or condition defined as a nuisance by this article to remain on any private or public property within the city.

Section 24-21 – Nuisance as a Condition

- (9) Any trash, litter, debris, garbage, bottles, paper, plastic, metals, cans, rags, offal, bricks, concrete, lumber, building materials, or dead or decaying plants, (except for compost piles) or animals of any kind.
- (10) Any condition which provides, or could provide, harborage for rats, mice, snakes, insects or other vermin.
- (18) Any landscaping element that is not well-maintained including but not limited to lawns, hedges, bushes and trees. Such landscaping elements shall be kept trimmed and free from becoming overgrown and unsightly where exposed to public view and where the same may constitute a blighting factor thereby depreciating adjoining property.

THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS MUST BE TAKEN TO REMEDY THESE VIOLATIONS:

1. Cut all grass and weeds as needed. This includes trimming along fence lines, around houses and any other permanent object such as trees, mailboxes and telephone poles, etc.
 - a. If this property is a waterfront property, all trimming and cutting must be limited to the seaward edge of existing development and/or the 1981 Coastal Construction Control Line. Anything further seaward will require additional authorization from the City of Fort Pierce and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Atención: Documento importante con respecto a sus derechos y responsabilidades. Si usted no comprende inglés consiga traducción inmediatamente.

Atansyon: Dokuman sa impòtan an rapò avek droi è responsablité ou. Si ou pa kompran anglè relé nou ou bien chèché ou moun pòu nou espliké sa tou suít.

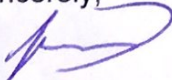
- b. If there are gopher tortoise burrows on the property, all trimming and cutting must comply with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission policies. Prior to mowing, mark the location of all burrows. Do not use heavy equipment, including lawnmowers, within 25 feet of the burrow. Hand tools, including chainsaws and weed whackers, are permitted to be utilized close to the burrow but must be done with caution. Avoid stepping near or on a burrow as it may collapse. More information can be obtained at MyFWC.com.
2. Trim all trees, shrubs and bushes to comply with the Fort Pierce Code of Ordinances.
 - a. The City has adopted the CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) Basic Principles and Concepts relating to landscaping as a satisfactory remedy. These standards require that all trees be trimmed up to seven (7) feet and all shrubs and bushes down to two (2) feet to prevent reduced visibility.
3. Remove all trash and debris.
 - a. If this is a vacant lot or a property without utilities, the Solid Waste Department will not remove trash, debris or other items.
 - b. Per Section 30-30(1) commercial customers and/or residential developments using dumpster service are not eligible for landscape debris removal. Please make necessary arrangements to have all debris removed from the property.
 - c. For qualifying residential properties, per Section 30-30(4) garden and yard trash must be neatly stacked in manageable piles. Limbs must not exceed six (6) feet in length and six (6) inches in diameter.
 - d. Per Section 30-30(5) trash generated by commercial and landscape contractors must be removed from the premises and disposed of by the contractor or resident in a lawful manner.
4. Please correct these violations within **10 days** from receipt of this letter or request a hearing pursuant to Chapter 1, Article II, Division 2 of the Fort Pierce Code of Ordinances.

Failure to either remove the nuisance or to request a hearing will be deemed a waiver of the right to a hearing and a contractor hired by the city will enter the property and correct the said violation. A bill for services rendered will be filed as a lien against the property. In addition, a \$100.00 administrative charge will be added for any nuisance the City causes to be abated.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you are unable to meet this request for any reason or have a question regarding the information provided, please contact me directly at 772-467-3152 or by email at Jcarrasco@cityoffortpierce.com. Due to shifting office hours, it is best to contact me by email or leave a voicemail and I will contact you as soon as I return to the office.

A complete version of the Code of Ordinances can be accessed at www.cityoffortpierce.com or www.municode.com.

Sincerely,



Jose Carrasco
Code Enforcement Officer



AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING & POSTING
PUBLIC NUISANCE

IN THE MATTER OF: FERRARA FAMILY LIMITED PARTNER
4200 WEST 44TH ST
EDINA, MN 55424

ADDRESS: 423 N 19TH ST

CASE NO: 24-00000101


BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Jose Carrasco, Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, who after being duly sworn deposes and says:

That today, the Notice of Public Nuisance was posted on the property identified above in accordance with Chapter 24-22(a) of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Fort Pierce, Florida and that a copy was mailed today by first class mail to:

FERRARA FAMILY LIMITED PARTNER
4200 WEST 44TH ST
EDINA, MN 55424

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

DATED this 19 day of January, 2021.



Jose Carrasco

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED before me

this 19th day of January, 2024.



NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF FLORIDA



INVOICE

TO: FERRARA FAMILY LIMITED PARTNER
4200 WEST 44 ST
EDINA, MN 55424

INVOICE NO: 40724
DATE: 3/27/24

CUSTOMER NO: 2747/4765

TYPE: LL - 001 0000 115 02 00 LC

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1.00	LOT CLEARING ADMIN FEE	100.00	100.00
1.00	LC	1,200.00	1,200.00

DATE MOWED: 2/25/24
 INSPECTED BY: J CARRASCO
 CASE #: 24-0101
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 423 N 19TH ST
 PARCEL TAX ID: 2409-602-0241-000-0
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"IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTEST THIS FINE OR DISAGREE WITH THE WORK PERFORMED, THEN YOU MUST RESPOND IN WRITING, STATING A DETAILED REASON AS TO WHY YOU DISAGREE. THIS STATEMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY OUR OFFICE WITHIN TWENTY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS INVOICE. IF WE DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU WITHIN TWENTY DAYS OR RECEIVE PAYMENT BY THE DUE DATE, A LIEN WILL BE FILED AGAINST THE PROPERTY; INTEREST WILL BE CHARGED AT THE RATE OF 6% PER YEAR FROM THE ORIGINAL INVOICE DATE."

TOTAL DUE: \$1,300.00

PLEASE DETACH AND SEND THIS COPY WITH REMITTANCE

DATE: 3/27/24 DUE DATE: 3/27/24 NAME: FERRARA FAMILY LIMITED PARTNER
 CUSTOMER NO: 2747/4765 TYPE: LL - 001 0000 115 02 00 LC

REMIT AND MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
 CITY OF FORT PIERCE
 P O BOX 1480
 FORT PIERCE FL 34954-1480 (772) 467-3000

INVOICE NO: 40724
 TERMS: NET 0 DAYS AMOUNT: \$1,300.00

INVOICE

Wright & Avant Lawn Care

613 N 22nd St, Fort Pierce, FL 34950, UNITED STATES

wrightavantlawn care@gmail.com

Invoice No#: 0623

Invoice Date: Feb 23, 2024

Due Date: Feb 23, 2024

\$500.00
AMOUNT DUE

BILL TO

Bruce Ferrara

bfer@comcast.net

Phone: +1 612-386-7085

#	ITEMS & DESCRIPTION	QTY/HRS	PRICE	AMOUNT(\$)
1	313 N 14th St Fort Pierce FL 34950 Regular Lot Maintenance	1	\$100.00	\$100.00
2	423 N 19th St Fort Pierce FL 34950 Regular Lot Maintenance	1	\$100.00	\$100.00
3	431 N 10th St Fort Pierce FL 34950 Regular Lot Maintenance	1	\$100.00	\$100.00
4	433 Dundas Ct Fort Pierce FL 34950 Regular Lot Maintenance	1	\$100.00	\$100.00
5	702 N 19th St Fort Pierce FL 34950 Regular Lot Maintenance	1	\$100.00	\$100.00
			Subtotal	\$500.00
			TOTAL	\$500.00 USD

NOTES TO CUSTOMER

Note: The lot that you informed me about on 423 N 19th street is located next to the lot that we have serviced for almost a year now. My husband and I were under the impression that it was your property. My husband had someone from the city stop by and show him where your property marks were located and it's huge. Bruce it is like 3 to 4 lots together and it is the biggest out of all you lots this one starts mid street and runs to the corner. My husband did clear that lot and it is in compliance.

Moving forward you will need to increase the amount for 423 N 19th Lot. Give me your thoughts about everything and shoot me a quick email or call.

From: Bruce Ferrara bfer@comcast.net
Subject: Re: February Invoice
Date: Feb 23, 2024 at 1:35:28 PM
To: Zell Wright wrightavantlawncare@gmail.com

I'll call you tomorrow. I think it is very small. Now they say it is big?
Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 23, 2024, at 1:21PM, Zell Wright <wrightavantlawncare@gmail.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Bruce

I hope all is well see attached invoice.

Note: The lot that you informed me about on **423 N 19th street** is located next to the lot that we have serviced for almost a year now. My husband and I were under the impression that it was your property. My husband had **someone from the city stop by and show him where your property marks** were located and it's huge. Bruce it is like 3 to 4 lots together and it is the biggest out of all you lots this one starts mid street and runs to the corner. **My husband did clear that lot and it is in compliance.** Moving forward you will need to increase the amount for 423 N 19th Lot. Give me your thoughts about everything and shoot me a quick email or call.

Zell Wright
613 N 22nd St
Fort Pierce, FL
Cell **772-408-7343**

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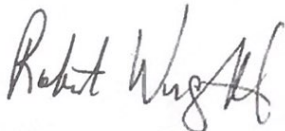
4/12/2024

Robert Wright
613 N 22nd St
Fort Pierce, FL 34950
772-408-3809 or 772-408-7343
wrightavantlawncare@gmail.com

I am writing this letter to inform you that the lot in question 423 N 19th St located in Fort Pierce FL 34950 was cleared and mowed by me Robert Wright. I have serviced all of Mr. Bruce's lots for a year now. I have also given Bruce pictures. Please let me know if you require any additional information. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Robert Wright

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Wright". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "W".



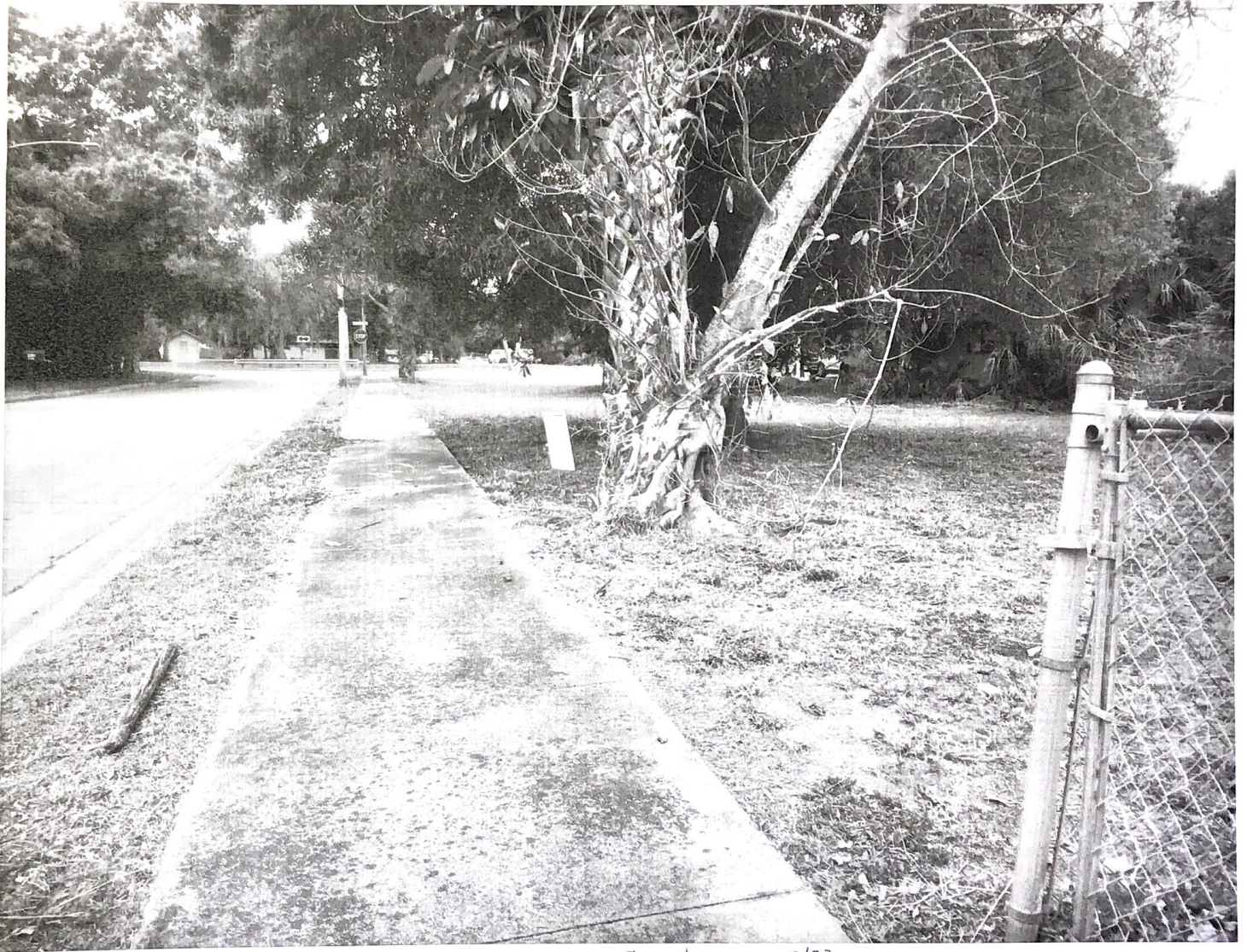
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