

# CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD HEARING AGENDA

# MONDAY MAY 20, 2024 - 9:30 AM

# TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 4300 S. ATLANTIC AVE., PONCE INLET, FL

SUNSHINE LAW NOTICE FOR BOARD MEMBERS – Notice is hereby provided that one or more members of the Town Council or other Town Boards may attend and speak at this meeting.

A complete copy of the materials for this agenda is available at Town Hall.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
- 3. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM.
- 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.
- 5. DISCLOSURE OF EX-PARTE COMMUNICATION. Code Enforcement cases are quasijudicial and receipt of any information or discussion of any case outside of the public hearing is strongly discouraged. If a board member obtains any information or discusses any case outside the public hearing process, this information must be disclosed in detail by the board member prior to the presentation of the case and may not be considered by the board member when making any decision related to the case.
- 6. ADMINISTERING THE OATH TO WITNESSES: Attorney Cino
- 7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:
  - A. March 25, 2024
- 8. OLD BUSINESS:
  - A. Case # 2023-758: Property Address: 125 Ponce DeLeon Circle Owner(s): Albert & Cyndee Jarrell Alleged Violation(s): Unsafe Structure
- 9. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. Case # 2024-324: Property Address: 112 Anchor Drive Owner(s): Ylian Snyder & Grant Renne Alleged Violation(s): Irrigation system without the required backflow preventor / and -or testing
  - B. Case # 2024-328: Property Address: 30 Inlet Point Blvd.
     Owner(s): R.F. Mohl
     Alleged Violation(s): Irrigation system without the required backflow preventor / and -or testing

- C. Case # 2024-332: Property Address: 35 Inlet Point Blvd Owner(s): CONFIDENTIAL – FS 119.071 Alleged Violation(s): Irrigation system without the required backflow preventor / and -or testing
- D. Case # 2024-333: Property Address: 36 Caribbean Way Owner(s): Randhir & Nekpal Singh Alleged Violation(s): Irrigation system without the required backflow preventor / and -or testing
- E. Case # 2024-337: Property Address: 37 Coastal Oaks Circle Owner(s): Stacey & Steven Oshinski Alleged Violation(s): Irrigation system without the required backflow preventor / and -or testing
- F. Case # 2024-338: Property Address: 4329 South Atlantic Avenue Owner(s): William Frazier Alleged Violation(s): Irrigation system without the required backflow preventor / and -or testing
- G. Case # 2024-366: Property Address: 47 Oceanway Owner(s): Kevin Purucker
   Alleged Violation(s): Irrigation system without the required backflow preventor / and -or testing

# 10. ATTORNEY DISCUSSION.

# 11. BOARD/STAFF DISCUSSION.

A. Rental Discussion – Mrs. Richards

# 12. ADJOURNMENT.

Next hearing date: Monday, June 24, 2024

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Code Enforcement Board with respect to any matter considered at a hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings and that for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons who require accommodation to attend this hearing should contact the Clerk's office at 386-236-2150 by 4:00 pm at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to request such assistance.

Meeting Date: May 20, 2024



Agenda Item: 7-A

# **Report to Code Enforcement Board**

**Topic:** March 25, 2024 Hearing Minutes

# **Summary:**

Staff has prepared the attached set of hearing minutes for the Board's review and approval.

# **Suggested motion:**

To approve the attached set of hearing minutes As Presented - OR - As Amended

# **Requested by:**

Ms. Stewart, Assistant Deputy Clerk

# Approved by:

Mr. Disher, Town Manager



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# Town of Ponce Inlet Code Enforcement Board Meeting Minutes March 25, 2024

6 1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Council
 7 Chambers, 4300 S. Atlantic Avenue, Ponce Inlet, Florida.

- 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Vice-Chair Cannon.
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  11 3. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:
  12 Board Members Present:
  - **Board Members Present:** Ms. Richards, Seat #1
- Ms. Richards, Seat #1Mr. Van Valkenburgh, Seat #2
- 15 Mr. Finch, Seat #3 (arrived at 9:39 am)
- 16 Mr. Michel, Seat #4
- 17 Ms. Cannon, Seat #5
- 18 Mr. Fuess, Alternate Seat #1 Absent
  - Ms. Rij, Alternate Seat #2
- 21 A quorum was established with four members and one alternate present.
- 2223 Staff Members Present:
- 24 Attorney Cino, Code Board Attorney
- 25 Mr. Hooker, Code Compliance Manager
- 26 Mr. Lear, Planning & Development Director
- 27 Attorney Smith, Town Attorney
- 28 Ms. Stewart, Assistant Deputy Clerk

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: <u>Ms. Richards moved to adopt the agenda as</u>
presented; seconded by Mr. Michel. The motion PASSED 5-0, with the following vote: Ms.
<u>Richards - yes; Mr. Van Valkenburgh - yes; Mr. Michel - yes; Vice-Chair Cannon - yes; Ms. Rij</u>
<u>- yes.</u>

- 35 5. DISCLOSURE OF EX-PARTE COMMUNICATION: None disclosed.
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  37 6. ADMINISTERING THE OATH TO WITNESSES: Attorney Cino administered the
  38 Oath to the witnesses who intended to provide testimony.
- 3940 7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:
  - A. February 26, 2024
- 44 <u>Vice-Chair Cannon moved to adopt the minutes as amended; seconded by Mr. Michel. The motion</u>
   45 <u>PASSED 5-0, with the following vote: Vice-Chair Cannon yes; Mr. Michel yes Ms. Richards -</u>
   46 <u>yes; Mr. Van Valkenburgh yes; Ms. Rij yes.</u>
- 48 8. OLD BUSINESS:

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# A. Case # 2023-671: Property Address: 4740 South Atlantic Avenue #5 Owner(s): Jamie & Maria Miller Alleged Violations(s): Work requiring permits

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53 Mr. Hooker reviewed the case history, noting that the case was presented to this board on January 54 22, 2024, which found the owners in violation of the cited sections of code. The owners were 55 granted 14 days on or before February 5, 2024, to obtain the required building permit. The case 56 was presented again on February 26, 2024, at which time, the Board granted additional time for 57 compliance based on evidence Mr. Miller provided at that hearing, extending the deadline to secure 58 the required building permit to March 25, 2024. As of today's hearing date, there has been no 59 further communication with Mr. Miller, nor has a permit application been submitted. Staff requests the imposition of a \$50 per day fine, retroactive to February 26, 2024; the \$250 administrative fee 60 61 has already been assessed and paid by Mr. Miller. Mr. Michel asked how many times staff 62 contacted the owner. Mr. Hooker noted the owner had been contacted at least a dozen times during 63 this process and he reviewed what has taken place thus far. Mr. Van Valkenburgh commented he 64 had asked Mr. Miller last month if he understood what needed to be done and had suggested he 65 meet with Mr. Hooker; he asked if that had taken place. Mr. Hooker replied no; there has been no communication since the last meeting. 66

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Mr. Michel moved to find the property in non-compliance; imposed a \$50 per day fine, retroactive
 to February 26, 2024, until the matter is resolved; and noted that the \$250 administrative fee has
 been assessed and paid; seconded by Vice-Chair Cannon. The motion PASSED 5-0, with the
 following vote: Mr. Michel – yes; Vice Chair Cannon – yes; Ms. Richards – yes; Mr. Van
 Valkenburgh – yes; Ms. Rij - yes.

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# B. Case # 2023-758: Property Address: 125 Ponce DeLeon Circle Owner(s): Albert & Cyndee Jarrell Alleged Violation(s): Unsafe Structure

78 Mr. Hooker reviewed the case history, noting that the case was presented to this board on January 79 22, 2024, which found the owners in violation of the cited sections of code. The owners were 80 granted 14 days on or before February 5, 2024, to secure the required permits. The case was brought back at the February 26, 2024, hearing, and the owners were granted an extension for 81 82 compliance until March 5, 2024 to obtain the required permits. The owners applied for the required 83 permits on March 14, 2024, after the March 5, 2024 deadline; the application is going through the 84 review process with the building division and should be resolved soon. The administrative fee has 85 been assessed and paid; staff requests to continue this case to the next scheduled hearing on April 22, 2024 to allow time for the review process to be completed; should the permit be issued, staff 86 87 will withdraw the case. Ms. Richards asked how long the review process is. Mr. Hooker explained 88 it depends on the workload; currently, it is approximately two weeks. Mr. Van Valkenburgh asked 89 for confirmation that Mr. Hooker's recommendation is to bring this case back next month; and 90 asked if additional information is needed, would that be up to the owner. Mr. Hooker explained 91 yes; it will be on the agenda next month for an update on where this case stands. Ms. Richards 92 asked if there is construction fencing around the property since it is an unsafe structure. Mr. Hooker 93 noted that it is a vacant lot; "No Trespassing" signs are in place. The seawall has been shored; the 94 permit is for it to be repaired. \*Attorney Cino noted that Chair Finch is now present.\*

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96 <u>Vice-Chair Cannon moved to continue Case #2023-758 to the April 22, 2024; seconded by Mr.</u>

Michel. The motion PASSED 5-0, with the following vote: Vice Chair Cannon – yes; Mr. Michel
 – yes; Ms. Richards – yes; Mr. Van Valkenburgh – yes; Chair Finch – yes.

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| 102        | А.   | Case # 2023-779; Property Address: 4335 South Atlantic Avenue                        |
| 103        |  | Owner(s): Harriet Morris   |
| 104        |  | Alleged Violation(s): Work requiring permits   |
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| 106        | 1  | ed this case be withdrawn; the owner complied prior to the compliance date stated on |
| 107        | the violation.   |  |
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| 109        | В.   | Case #2024-149; Property Address: 4322 South Atlantic Avenue                         |
| 110        |  | Owner(s): Andrew Lampert   |
| 111        |  | Alleged Violation(s): Property Maintenance Issue involving lot and/or                |
| 112        |  | dwelling   |
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| 114        | Staff requested this case be withdrawn; the owner complied prior to the compliance date stated on  |  |
| 115        | the violation.   |  |
| 116        |  | DD/CTAFE DISCUSSION.   |
| 117        | <b>11. BOA</b>   | RD/STAFF DISCUSSION:   |
| 118<br>119 | Casa   | #2023-076 – 4734 South Atlantic Avenue   |
| 120        |  | er(s): Aisha Moore   |
| 120        |  | ested Update Discussion – Mr. Hooker explained Ms. Moore has secured the             |
| 121        | -  | hits, the decking has been removed, and the permit is still active. The owner is in  |
| 122        | compliance with the Board's order and the case has been closed out. The owner is working with      |  |
| 123        | her lending institutions and drawing up plans for the demolition of the interior of the home and a |  |
| 125        | possible addition to the back of the house. Chair Finch asked when the permit will expire. Mr.     |  |
| 126        | Hooker explained he believes June. He stated the owner still must call the town for an inspection. |  |
| 127        | Vice-Chair Cannon asked if a new permit would be required to install a new deck. Mr. Hooker        |  |
| 128        | explained yes. Mr. Finch asked if the permit for the deck demolition included the back deck. Mr.   |  |
| 129        | Hooker replied yes. Mr. Van Valkenburgh asked for confirmation that the owner is working on        |  |
| 130        | plans and lending for an interior remodel and noted the property has been in disarray for two and  |  |
| 131        | -  | Mr. Van Valkenburgh asked if there was any policy or procedure that could be used    |
| 132        | to escalate th   | e repairs. Attorney Smith explained the law is clear in that the Code Enforcement    |
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- 132 nt 133 Board, as the judge, does not have the discretion to direct Code Enforcement to bring a case as it 134 could prejudice any case that needed to be called. There is either a code violation or there is not. 135 Mr. Hooker noted there are no pending violations per se; the house is vacant, and the unsafe 136 balconies have been removed per the Board's order. It is unsightly but not in a state of disrepair. 137 Ms. Richards asked if the Town is responsible should someone trespass. Attorney Smith answered 138 "no".
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**NEW BUSINESS:** 

140 Ms. Richards provided an update on the vacation rental property discussion held in 141 January; she discussed it with the Mayor and the Council has agreed the issue needs more focus. 142 Her take-away from that meeting was that the Town is looking at this, what the current 143 enforcement methods are, and if properties are complying or not. She has other concerns she would 144 like to discuss relating to this issue and asked if that could be a future agenda item. Chair Finch noted that there are enough questions regarding the issue and agreed it would be a good idea to 145 place it on the agenda for discussion next month. 146 147

Mr. Hooker noted that the May meeting falls on Memorial Day and Town Hall will be
closed; he requested moving the meeting date to May 20, 2024; the Board agreed by consensus.
Mr. Hooker noted that the June meeting will likely be cancelled due to conferences.

- 152 **12. ADJOURNMENT:** The hearing was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.
- 154 Next hearing date: Monday, April 22, 2024
- 156 Respectfully submitted by,
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- 159 Debbie Stewart, FCRM
- 160 Assistant Deputy Clerk





Agenda Item: 8-A

# **Report to Code Enforcement Board**

Topic:Case #2023-758Owner(s): Albert & Cyndee JarrellProperty Address:125 Ponce DeLeon CircleViolation(s):Unsafe Structure

**Summary:** On January 22, 2024, this case was presented to the Board. The owners were found in non-compliance and granted until February 5, 2024 to obtain the required permits. At the February 26, 2024 Code Enforcement Board hearing, the Board issued an order extending time for compliance until March 5, 2024 to cure the violation. At the March 25, 2024 hearing, staff informed the Board that the required permit application had been submitted and requested additional time for the review process to take place.

Staff will provide updated testimony and evidence regarding this case. The Board will be asked to make a decision based on that evidence and testimony.

**Suggested motion:** To be determined by the Board after testimony and evidence has been provided on the case.

# **Requested by:**

Mr. Hooker, Code Compliance Manager

# Approved by:

Mr. Disher, Town Manager







#### MEMORANDUM TOWN OF PONCE INLET – PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Town of Ponce Inlet staff shall be professional, caring, and fair in delivering community excellence while ensuring Ponce Inlet citizens obtain the greatest value for their tax dollar.

| TO: | Code Enforcement Board |
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THROUGH: Drew Smith, Town Attorney

FROM: David Hooker, Code Compliance Manager

**DATE:** May 13, 2024

DATE OF MEETING: May 20, 2024

Case Number:2023-758Address:125 Ponce DeLeon Circle

Alleged Violation: Work performed requiring permits

Florida Building Code Section 116.1 – Conditions

International Property Maintenance Code Section 101.1 – General Section 108.1.5 (3) & (7) - Dangerous Structures or Premises Section 301.3 – Vacant structures and land Section 302.7 – Accessory Structures

**Brief History:** 

On March 31, 2022, a contractor submitted a permit application (285-2022) for the reconstruction of a seawall at the specified location. Upon commencement of the work, inspections revealed deviations from the approved plans, leading to the issuance of a STOP WORK ORDER.

Over the following weeks, the contractor collaborated with the staff to address the STOP WORK ORDER issue. On February 15, 2023, recognizing the impending expiration of the permit, the contractor formally requested an extension to prevent permit expiration.

During this period, the property owner decided to sell the property to Mr. & Mrs. Jarrell, the current owners, in April 2023. Seeking resolution, the Jarrell's consulted with the Town Building Official, who provided guidance on addressing the permitting challenges.

Unfortunately, the permit expired during the resolution process, and consequently, no further work transpired. Thus, a notice of violation/hearing was issued, citing the structure as unsafe.

Since receiving the original certified letter, the Jarrell's have engaged in communication with the Building Department once again to actively resolve the outstanding issues.

At the Code Enforcement Hearing on January 22, 2024, the owner was found to be in violation of the cited sections of the Codes. The owners were granted 14 days (on or before February 5, 2024) to secure the required permits.

On February 9, 2024, Mr. Jarrell paid the \$250 administration fee and informed staff that he was working on securing permit and that should be completed by the end of the following week (February 16, 2024)

On February 26, 2024, at the Code Enforcement Board Hearing, the Board issued an order extending the time for compliance. The owner is required to cure the violation before March 5, 2024, or this case is scheduled to be brought back for further adjudication at the March 25, 2024 hearing date.

At the March 25, 2024 hearing, staff advised the Code Enforcement Board that the permit application was submitted and is currently under review. Staff requested additional time for the review process to take place.

As of the date of this memorandum, the permit is still in the review process.

#### **Recommendation:**

Continue this case until the next scheduled hearing date of June 24, 2024.

# BEFORE THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PONCE INLET, FLORIDA

# TOWN OF PONCE INLET, FLORIDA, a municipal corporation,

Petitioner,

vs.

CASE NO.: 2023-758

ALBERT & CYNDEE JARRELL,

Respondents.

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# ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR COMPLIANCE

This cause was heard on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024 by the Code Enforcement Board of the Town of Ponce Inlet after due notice to Respondents and a public hearing, and the Code Enforcement Board, having heard testimony and argument thereon, and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, makes the following FINDINGS OF FACT:

- 1. Respondents are the owners of property located at 125 Ponce DeLeon Circle, Ponce Inlet, Florida, 32127 with Volusia County Parcel ID 6430-01-00-0030 (the "Subject Property").
- 2. On November 14, 2023, the Code Compliance Manager issued a Notice of Violation to Respondents citing a violation of Sections 116.1 of the Florida Building Code and sections 108.1, 108.1.5, 301.3, 302.7 of the International Property Maintenance Code, as adopted by the Town of Ponce Inlet.
- 3. On January 22, 204, the Code Enforcement Board entered an Order requiring Respondents to cure the violations on or before February 5, 2024.
- 4. The Respondents have requested an extension of time to cure the violations.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that:

5. Respondents shall cure the violation before March 5, 2024 by obtaining the required building permit through the Town of Ponce Inlet. Failure to obtain will result in this case being brought back for further consideration at the March 25, 2024, hearing.

Any violation of the same code section by any Respondent within five years of 6. the date of this Order may be prosecuted as a repeat violation pursuant to Chapter 162, Florida Statutes.

ORDERED at Ponce Inlet, Volusia County, Florida on this  $24^{7+4}$  day of February 26, 2024.

Peter Finch, Chairperson Code Enforcement Board

ATTEST: ewart

# Deputy Clerk

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served upon the Respondent by U.S. Mail, First Class, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2024.

DOKEN David Hooker, Code Compliance Manager

**CEB** Order



Meeting Date: May 20, 2024

Agenda Item: 9-A

# **Report to Code Enforcement Board**

**Topic:** Case #2024-324 Owner(s): Ylian Snyder & Grant Renne Property Address: 112 Anchor Drive Alleged Violation(s): Irrigation system without the required backflow preventor and/or testing

**Summary:** Staff will provide testimony and evidence regarding the following case. The Board will be asked to make a decision based on that evidence and testimony.

**Suggested motion:** To be determined by the Board after testimony and evidence has been provided on the case.

**Requested by:** 

Mr. Hooker, Code Compliance Manager

Approved by:

Mr. Disher, Town Manager



## **MEMORANDUM** TOWN OF PONCE INLET – PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Town of Ponce Inlet staff shall be professional, caring, and fair in delivering community excellence while ensuring Ponce Inlet citizens obtain the greatest value for their tax dollar.

**TO:** Code Enforcement Board

**THROUGH:** Drew Smith, Town Attorney

FROM: David Hooker, Code Compliance Manager

**DATE:** May 13, 2024

DATE OF MEETING: May 20, 2024

| <b>Case Number:</b> | 2024-324         |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Address:            | 112 Anchor Drive |

#### **Alleged Violation:**

Irrigation system without the required backflow prevention device and/or passing test report being filed.

## **Code of Ordinance**

Section 78-65 – Cross Connection Control

## **Brief History:**

In accordance with the Florida Administrative Code and the Town's adopted municipal code, it is incumbent upon the Town to safeguard the integrity of its public water supply system.

One crucial measure to ensure this protection is the installation of backflow prevention devices between individual properties and the Town's water meters.

Beginning in 2023, the Town's Public Works Department initiated a proactive effort to identify properties lacking the requisite backflow prevention devices. Therefore, on December 5, 2023, certified letters were dispatched to approximately 110 property owners, apprising them of their non-compliance regarding backflow prevention device installation and how to correct.

The certified correspondence afforded property owners a grace period until April 1, 2024—spanning 117 days—to rectify the compliance deficiency in alignment with the established regulations.

After this grace period elapsed, on April 1, 2024, the oversight of these non-compliant properties was transitioned to the purview of Code Enforcement. Formal notices of violations were issued to property owners found in violation. An additional timeframe until May 10, 2024—amounting to 39 days—was granted to facilitate compliance.

As of the present hearing date, the subject property persists in non-compliance with the mandated code requirements.

## **Recommendation:**

The property to be found in non-compliance and assess fine in accordance with Florida statutes Chapter 162.09.



Case Type: Code Enforcement

(386) 236-2182

Ponce Inlet, FL 32127

Violation

Notice

Compliance Deadline: 05/10/2024

Date Case Established: 03/27/2024

Owner/Violator: Ylian Snyder & Grant Renne Mailing Address

112 Anchor Drive Ponce Inlet, Florida 32127

# Notice of Violation for the following location:

## Address

Parcel

112 Anchor Drive PONCE INLET, FL 32127 6313-03-00-0070

This violation letter is to inform you that staff has observed a violation at the property in which according to the Volusia County Property Appraiser's Office, this property is owned by you in the Town of Ponce Inlet.

On December 5, 2023, a certified letter was sent to you addressing the violation of no backflow preventor device and / or passing test report being filed, on your irrigation system as required by Town code and state law. This letter granted you until April 1, 2024 to have your property in compliance with the adopted regulations. As of today's date, your property remains in violation.

# The violation and how to correct are:

1 – Irrigation system without required backflow prevention device and/or passing test report being filed.

# How to Correct:

## Item Number 1

**a**. have a licensed plumbing contractor or licensed irrigation contractor secure a building permit for the installation backflow device and have it tested to ensure compliance.

b. or have the irrigation meter removed from the system

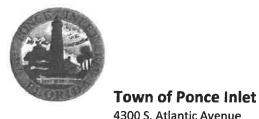
You are hereby cited with the following sections of code.

# **Code of Ordinance**

## Section 78-65 – Cross Connection Control

(a) The town hereby adopts Recommended Practice for Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control Manual (M-14), Third Edition, and subsequent editions, which is incorporated by reference. A copy of the manual is on file in the office of the town clerk.

(b) Cross connection, as defined by Rule 62-550.200, Florida Administrative Code, is prohibited. However, a person who owns or manages a public water system may interconnect to another public water system if that system is operated and maintained in accordance with this chapter. Any person making, or allowing to be made, such cross connection to the town water system shall be subject to the penalties of sections 1-11 and 78-65(k) of this Code or may be brought before the code enforcement board, at the option of the town.



Case Type: Code Enforcement

Date Case Established: 03/27/2024

Ponce Inlet, FL 32127

(386) 236-2182

# Violation Notice

Compliance Deadline: 05/10/2024

(c) The town adopts by reference the Town of Ponce Inlet "Cross Connection Control Program Manual", 2008 version, as may be updated and amended from time to time. The manual adopts procedures to detect and prevent cross connections that create or may create a potential danger to public health. The town's Cross Connection Control Program Manual reflects accepted practices of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) guidelines as set forth in the Association's Manual M-14, Recommended Practice for Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control, Third Edition.

(d) The public works director, or any employee so authorized by the director, shall have the right to enter any property serviced by the utility for the purpose of inspection for cross connections. In so doing, the director or the authorized employee shall first seek the permission of a person of suitable age and discretion therein or in control of the premises. Failure to grant such permission shall be deemed as a rebuttable presumption of a violation and shall provide the person seeking such permission with probable

cause to seek an inspection warrant pursuant to F.S. § 933.30 et seq. Upon written notice to the owner or manager, repeated failure to allow the public works director or any employee so authorized by the director to access the property for the purpose of inspection for cross connection may result in the discontinuance of potable water service to the premises until the inspection has taken place.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in the town's Cross Connection Control Program Manual, all new construction for which a building permit is issued, except for single-family residential or town houses no higher than two stories with individual meters, shall have installed on all potable water and fire protection system lines a backflow prevention device acceptable under the AWWA Manual M-14 and of a size and design determined to be appropriate by the public works director or designee. All construction, whether commercial or residential, shall have such device installed by a licensed plumbing contractor. The device shall be installed on private property, at the service connection, before any potential "take-offs", and at the property owner's expense.

(f) Except as otherwise provided in the town's Cross Connection Control Program Manual, backflow prevention devices acceptable under AWWA Manual M-14 shall be installed on existing commercial, condominiums, or multi-family residential master meters connected to the town's potable water system by a licensed plumbing contactor, and such installation shall be tested by a certified backflow prevention tester approved by the public works director at the following times:

(1) At the time of any site or building modification requiring site plan review and approval; or

(2) At the time of any plumbing modification requiring a plumbing permit; or

(3) At the time of annexation of an existing property connected to the town's potable water system; or

(4) At the time of meter installation or replacement; or

(5) At the time an inspection reveal a cross connection which creates or may create a danger to public health; or

(6) At the time it is determined that a potential hazard exists and a backflow prevention device is warranted.

(g) *Irrigation systems.* Backflow prevention devices acceptable under AWWA Manual M-14 shall be installed by a licensed plumbing contractor or licensed irrigation contractor under a plumbing permit issued for construction and connection of an irrigation system to the town's potable water system.



Case Type: Code Enforcement

(386) 236-2182

4300 S. Atlantic Avenue Ponce Inlet, FL 32127

# Violation

Date Case Established: 03/27/2024

# Notice

Compliance Deadline: 05/10/2024

Backflow prevention devices acceptable under AWWA Manual M-14 shall be installed on existing irrigation system connections to the town's potable water system, and such installation shall be tested by a certified backflow prevention tester approved by the public works director, at the following times:

(1) At the time of any irrigation system modifications requiring a plumbing permit; or

(2) At the time of irrigation meter installation or replacement; or

(3) At the time an inspection reveals a cross connection which creates or may create a danger to public health; or

(4) At the time it is determined that a potential hazard exists and a backflow prevention device is warranted.

(h)Maintenance of backflow prevention devices.

(1) All backflow prevention devices shall be inspected and tested by a certified backflow prevention device tester with the cost of inspection and testing to be paid for by the owner of the property required to have such devices. Inspection and testing shall be made on an annual basis.

(2) Any such tester shall have attended and successfully completed the Training, Research, and Education for Environmental Occupations (TREEO) certification program for backflow prevention device testers at the University of Florida, or an equivalent program as determined by the public works director, and shall keep current and keep on file with the public works director a copy of such certificate.

(3) Each owner responsible for the inspection and maintenance of his own backflow prevention device shall file each year a statement from a certified tester that the device has been inspected and that it is working properly. Such statement shall be filed no later than one year from the date of filing the previous statement.

Failure to comply with this section may result in the disconnection of the premises from the town water system until such time as the required statement is provided. If a statement is not received from the owner on or before the required date, a notice will be sent to the owner by the town allowing a reasonable time for the inspection and testing of the device to be completed. If no inspection or service documentation has been received by the town from the owner after the time set for such inspection and testing, the Town may disconnect service of the premises from the town water system.

(i)Special provision for tank truck, developers. Water used to fill tank trucks, such as pest control vehicles, from town approved sources shall be measured through a town approved meter, such approved meter shall be supplied by the town. A reduced pressure or air gap separation backflow prevention device shall be installed on any fill line being utilized. Tank truck owners shall have their backflow prevention devices checked annually by a state certified backflow prevention tester and shall provide proof of such testing to the town at the time the meter is issued. The backflow testing certificate shall not exceed one year from the previous test date, or connection to a town source shall be denied.

(j) The town council may, by resolution, establish fees for implementation of this section.

(k)Violations and liability.



# Town of Ponce Inlet

4300 S. Atlantic Avenue Ponce Inlet, FL 32127 Case Number: CODE2024-000324

Case Type: Code Enforcement

Date Case Established: 03/27/2024

(386) 236-2182

# Violation

Notice

Compliance Deadline: 05/10/2024

(1) It is unlawful for any person, entity, or customer to cause an illegal cross connection with the town's water or wastewater system. Any person, entity, or customer in violation of any of the provisions of this section shall become liable to the town for any expense, loss, or damage incurred by the town by reason of such violation, including any attorney's fees.

(2) In the event any prohibited cross connection is discovered, the public works director shall take the following action:

a. Direct the immediate discontinuance of potable water service to the site until the contaminant source is eliminated; or

b. Direct the immediate elimination of the cross connection by the installation of a backflow prevention device acceptable under the AWWA Manual M-14.

(3) Any inspector, town officer, employee, special magistrate, or member of the code enforcement board, if any, who is or may be charged with or involved in the enforcement of this section, in the discharge of such duties, shall not thereby be personally liable, and is, to the extent permitted by law, hereby relieved from all and protected by the town against any personal liability for any damage that may accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of such duties. (Ord. No. 2005-03, § 1, 4-20-2005; Ord. No. 2008-04, § 1, 5-21-2008)

# Compliance Date: May 10, 2024

If you are unable to meet the required compliance date, this case will be referred to the Town's Code Enforcement Board for a hearing scheduled for May 20, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. located at 4300 South Atlantic Avenue, Ponce Inlet, Florida.

If you are found to be in violation of the cited sections of Town code, a daily fine of up to \$250 per day may be imposed. Furthermore, an administrative fee of \$250 shall also be imposed.

Both these charges will be recorded into the public records of Volusia County and will constitute a lien of your property, as well as any other property that is owned by you in the state of Florida in accordance with Florida statutes 162.09(3).

If you have any questions related to this matter, please do not hesitate Mr. Fred Griffith, Public Works Director at 386-322-6729.

Kindest Regards,

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David Hooker, CEP Code Compliance Manager

Certified Mail - 9589-0710-5270-1429-4718-81





Agenda Item: 9-B

# **Report to Code Enforcement Board**

Topic:Case #2024-328<br/>Owner(s): R.F. Mohl<br/>Property Address: 30 Inlet Point Boulevard<br/>Alleged Violation(s): Irrigation system without the required<br/>backflow preventor and/or testing

**Summary:** Staff will provide testimony and evidence regarding the following case. The Board will be asked to make a decision based on that evidence and testimony.

**Suggested motion:** To be determined by the Board after testimony and evidence has been provided on the case.

**Requested by:** 

Mr. Hooker, Code Compliance Manager

Approved by:

Mr. Disher, Town Manager



## **MEMORANDUM** TOWN OF PONCE INLET – PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

THE TOWN OF PONCE INLET STAFF SHALL BE PROFESSIONAL, CARING, AND FAIR IN DELIVERING COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE WHILE ENSURING PONCE INLET CITIZENS OBTAIN THE GREATEST VALUE FOR THEIR TAX DOLLAR.

THROUGH: Drew Smith, Town Attorney

FROM: David Hooker, Code Compliance Manager

**DATE:** May 13, 2024

DATE OF MEETING: May 20, 2024

| <b>Case Number:</b> | 2024-328                 |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Address:            | 30 Inlet Point Boulevard |

## **Alleged Violation:**

Irrigation system without the required backflow prevention device and/or passing test report being filed.

## **Code of Ordinance**

Section 78-65 - Cross Connection Control

## **Brief History:**

In accordance with the Florida Administrative Code and the Town's adopted municipal code, it is incumbent upon the Town to safeguard the integrity of its public water supply system.

One crucial measure to ensure this protection is the installation of backflow prevention devices between individual properties and the Town's water meters.

Beginning in 2023, the Town's Public Works Department initiated a proactive effort to identify properties lacking the requisite backflow prevention devices. Therefore, on December 5, 2023, certified letters were dispatched to approximately 110 property owners, apprising them of their non-compliance regarding backflow prevention device installation and how to correct.

The certified correspondence afforded property owners a grace period until April 1, 2024 spanning 117 days—to rectify the compliance deficiency in alignment with the established regulations.

After this grace period, on April 1, 2024, the oversight of these non-compliant properties was transitioned to the purview of Code Enforcement. Formal notices of violations were issued to property owners found in violation. An additional timeframe until May 10, 2024—amounting to 39 days—was granted to facilitate compliance.

As of the present hearing date, the subject property persists in non-compliance with the mandated code requirements.

## **Recommendation:**

The property to be found in non-compliance and assess fine in accordance with Florida statutes Chapter 162.09.



Case Type: Code Enforcement

Ponce Inlet, FL 32127

**Town of Ponce Inlet** 4300 S. Atlantic Avenue

(386) 236-2182

Violation

Notice

Date Case Established: 03/27/2024 Compliance Deadline: 05/10/2024

# Owner/Violator: R.F. Mohl

## **Mailing Address**

30 Inlet Point Blvd Ponce Inlet, Florida 32127

# Notice of Violation for the following location:

## Address

Parcel

6429-03-00-0210

30 Inlet Point Blvd PONCE INLET, FL 32127

This violation letter is to inform you that staff has observed a violation at the property in which according to the Volusia County Property Appraiser's Office, this property is owned by you in the Town of Ponce Inlet.

On December 5, 2023, a certified letter was sent to you addressing the violation of no backflow preventor device and / or passing test report being filed, on your irrigation system as required by Town code and state law. This letter granted you until April 1, 2024 to have your property in compliance with the adopted regulations. As of today's date, your property remains in violation.

## The violation and how to correct are:

1 – Irrigation system without required backflow prevention device and/or passing test report being filed.

# How to Correct:

## Item Number 1

a. have a licensed plumbing contractor or licensed irrigation contractor secure a building permit for the installation backflow device and have it tested to ensure compliance.

b. or have the irrigation meter removed from the system

You are hereby cited with the following sections of code.

# Code of Ordinance

## Section 78-65 – Cross Connection Control

(a) The town hereby adopts Recommended Practice for Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control Manual (M-14), Third Edition, and subsequent editions, which is incorporated by reference. A copy of the manual is on file in the office of the town clerk.

(b) Cross connection, as defined by Rule 62-550.200, Florida Administrative Code, is prohibited. However, a person who owns or manages a public water system may interconnect to another public water system if that system is operated and maintained in accordance with this chapter. Any person making, or allowing to be made, such cross connection to the town water system shall be subject to the penalties of sections <u>1-11</u> and <u>78-65(k)</u> of this Code or may be brought before the code enforcement board, at the option of the town.



Case Type: Code Enforcement

**Town of Ponce Inlet** 4300 S. Atlantic Avenue Ponce Inlet, FL 32127

(386) 236-2182

# Violation Notice

Date Case Established: 03/27/2024

Compliance Deadline: 05/10/2024

(c) The town adopts by reference the Town of Ponce Inlet "Cross Connection Control Program Manual", 2008 version, as may be updated and amended from time to time. The manual adopts procedures to detect and prevent cross connections that create or may create a potential danger to public health. The town's Cross Connection Control Program Manual reflects accepted practices of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) guidelines as set forth in the Association's Manual M-14, Recommended Practice for Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control, Third Edition.

(d) The public works director, or any employee so authorized by the director, shall have the right to enter any property serviced by the utility for the purpose of inspection for cross connections. In so doing, the director or the authorized employee shall first seek the permission of a person of suitable age and discretion therein or in control of the premises. Failure to grant such permission shall be deemed as a rebuttable presumption of a violation and shall provide the person seeking such permission with probable

cause to seek an inspection warrant pursuant to F.S. § 933.30 et seq. Upon written notice to the owner or manager, repeated failure to allow the public works director or any employee so authorized by the director to access the property for the purpose of inspection for cross connection may result in the discontinuance of potable water service to the premises until the inspection has taken place.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in the town's Cross Connection Control Program Manual, all new construction for which a building permit is issued, except for single-family residential or town houses no higher than two stories with individual meters, shall have installed on all potable water and fire protection system lines a backflow prevention device acceptable under the AWWA Manual M-14 and of a size and design determined to be appropriate by the public works director or designee. All construction, whether commercial or residential, shall have such device installed by a licensed plumbing contractor. The device shall be installed on private property, at the service connection, before any potential "take-offs", and at the property owner's expense.

(f) Except as otherwise provided in the town's Cross Connection Control Program Manual, backflow prevention devices acceptable under AWWA Manual M-14 shall be installed on existing commercial, condominiums, or multi-family residential master meters connected to the town's potable water system by a licensed plumbing contactor, and such installation shall be tested by a certified backflow prevention tester approved by the public works director at the following times:

(1) At the time of any site or building modification requiring site plan review and approval; or

(2) At the time of any plumbing modification requiring a plumbing permit; or

(3) At the time of annexation of an existing property connected to the town's potable water system; or

(4) At the time of meter installation or replacement; or

(5) At the time an inspection reveal a cross connection which creates or may create a danger to public health; or

(6) At the time it is determined that a potential hazard exists and a backflow prevention device is warranted.

(g) *Irrigation systems*. Backflow prevention devices acceptable under AWWA Manual M-14 shall be installed by a licensed plumbing contractor or licensed irrigation contractor under a plumbing permit issued for construction and connection of an irrigation system to the town's potable water system.



Case Type: Code Enforcement

(386) 236-2182

**Town of Ponce Inlet** 4300 S. Atlantic Avenue

Ponce Inlet, FL 32127

Violation

Date Case Established: 03/27/2024

# Notice

Compliance Deadline: 05/10/2024

Backflow prevention devices acceptable under AWWA Manual M-14 shall be installed on existing irrigation system connections to the town's potable water system, and such installation shall be tested by a certified backflow prevention tester approved by the public works director, at the following times:

(1) At the time of any irrigation system modifications requiring a plumbing permit; or

(2) At the time of irrigation meter installation or replacement; or

(3) At the time an inspection reveals a cross connection which creates or may create a danger to public health; or

(4) At the time it is determined that a potential hazard exists and a backflow prevention device is warranted.

(h)Maintenance of backflow prevention devices.

(1) All backflow prevention devices shall be inspected and tested by a certified backflow prevention device tester with the cost of inspection and testing to be paid for by the owner of the property required to have such devices. Inspection and testing shall be made on an annual basis.

(2) Any such tester shall have attended and successfully completed the Training, Research, and Education for Environmental Occupations (TREEO) certification program for backflow prevention device testers at the University of Florida, or an equivalent program as determined by the public works director, and shall keep current and keep on file with the public works director a copy of such certificate.

(3) Each owner responsible for the inspection and maintenance of his own backflow prevention device shall file each year a statement from a certified tester that the device has been inspected and that it is working properly. Such statement shall be filed no later than one year from the date of filing the previous statement.

Failure to comply with this section may result in the disconnection of the premises from the town water system until such time as the required statement is provided. If a statement is not received from the owner on or before the required date, a notice will be sent to the owner by the town allowing a reasonable time for the inspection and testing of the device to be completed. If no inspection or service documentation has been received by the town from the owner after the time set for such inspection and testing, the Town may disconnect service of the premises from the town water system.

(i)Special provision for tank truck, developers. Water used to fill tank trucks, such as pest control vehicles, from town approved sources shall be measured through a town approved meter, such approved meter shall be supplied by the town. A reduced pressure or air gap separation backflow prevention device shall be installed on any fill line being utilized. Tank truck owners shall have their backflow prevention devices checked annually by a state certified backflow prevention tester and shall provide proof of such testing to the town at the time the meter is issued. The backflow testing certificate shall not exceed one year from the previous test date, or connection to a town source shall be denied.

(j) The town council may, by resolution, establish fees for implementation of this section.

(k)Violations and liability.



Case Type: Code Enforcement

(386) 236-2182

Ponce Inlet, FL 32127

# Violation Notice

Date Case Established: 03/27/2024

Compliance Deadline: 05/10/2024

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(2) In the event any prohibited cross connection is discovered, the public works director shall take the following action:

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b. Direct the immediate elimination of the cross connection by the installation of a backflow prevention device acceptable under the AWWA Manual M-14.

(3) Any inspector, town officer, employee, special magistrate, or member of the code enforcement board, if any, who is or may be charged with or involved in the enforcement of this section, in the discharge of such duties, shall not thereby be personally liable, and is, to the extent permitted by law, hereby relieved from all and protected by the town against any personal liability for any damage that may accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of such duties. (Ord. No. 2005-03, § 1, 4-20-2005; Ord. No. 2008-04, § 1, 5-21-2008)

# Compliance Date: May 10, 2024

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If you have any questions related to this matter, please do not hesitate Mr. Fred Griffith, Public Works Director at 386-322-6729.

Kindest Regards,

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David Hooker, CEP Code Compliance Manager

Certified Mail 9589-0710-5270-1429-4720-62





Agenda Item: 9-C

# **Report to Code Enforcement Board**

**Topic:** Case #2024-332 Owner(s): Scott & Amy Garrett Property Address: 35 Inlet Point Boulevard Alleged Violation(s): Irrigation system without the required backflow preventor and/or testing

**Summary:** Staff will provide testimony and evidence regarding the following case. The Board will be asked to make a decision based on that evidence and testimony.

**Suggested motion:** To be determined by the Board after testimony and evidence has been provided on the case.

**Requested by:** 

Mr. Hooker, Code Compliance Manager

Approved by:

Mr. Disher, Town Manager



## MEMORANDUM TOWN OF PONCE INLET – PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Town of Ponce Inlet staff shall be professional, caring, and fair in delivering community excellence while ensuring Ponce Inlet citizens obtain the greatest value for their tax dollar.

THROUGH: Drew Smith, Town Attorney

FROM: David Hooker, Code Compliance Manager

**DATE:** May 13, 2024

DATE OF MEETING: May 20, 2024

| Case Number: | 2024-332                 |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Address:     | 35 Inlet Point Boulevard |

## Alleged Violation:

Irrigation system without the required backflow prevention device and/or passing test report being filed.

## **Code of Ordinance**

Section 78-65 - Cross Connection Control

## **Brief History:**

In accordance with the Florida Administrative Code and the Town's adopted municipal code, it is incumbent upon the Town to safeguard the integrity of its public water supply system.

One crucial measure to ensure this protection is the installation of backflow prevention devices between individual properties and the Town's water meters.

Beginning in 2023, the Town's Public Works Department initiated a proactive effort to identify properties lacking the requisite backflow prevention devices. Therefore, on December 5, 2023, certified letters were dispatched to approximately 110 property owners, apprising them of their non-compliance regarding backflow prevention device installation and how to correct.

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After this grace period elapsed, on April 1, 2024, the oversight of these non-compliant properties was transitioned to the purview of Code Enforcement. Formal notices of violations were issued to property owners found in violation. An additional timeframe until May 10, 2024—amounting to 39 days—was granted to facilitate compliance.

As of the present hearing date, the subject property persists in non-compliance with the mandated code requirements.

## **Recommendation:**

The property to be found in non-compliance and assess fine in accordance with Florida statutes Chapter 162.09.



Case Type: Code Enforcement

Ponce Inlet, FL 32127

4300 S. Atlantic Avenue

(386) 236-2182

Violation

Date Case Established: 03/27/2024

Notice

Compliance Deadline: 05/10/2024

Owner/Violator: Confidential - FS 119.071

# **Mailing Address**

35 Inlet Point Blvd Ponce Inlet, Florida 32127

# Notice of Violation for the following location:

## Address

Parcel

6429-03-00-0020

35 Inlet Point Blvd PONCE INLET, FL 32127

This violation letter is to inform you that staff has observed a violation at the property in which according to the Volusia County Property Appraiser's Office, this property is owned by you in the Town of Ponce Inlet.

On December 5, 2023, a certified letter was sent to you addressing the violation of no backflow preventor device and / or passing test report being filed, on your irrigation system as required by Town code and state law. This letter granted you until April 1, 2024 to have your property in compliance with the adopted regulations. As of today's date, your property remains in violation.

## The violation and how to correct are:

1 – Irrigation system without required backflow prevention device and/or passing test report being filed.

# How to Correct:

## **Item Number 1**

a. have a licensed plumbing contractor or licensed irrigation contractor secure a building permit for the installation backflow device and have it tested to ensure compliance.

b. or have the irrigation meter removed from the system

You are hereby cited with the following sections of code.

# **Code of Ordinance**

## Section 78-65 – Cross Connection Control

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# Town of Ponce Inlet

4300 S. Atlantic Avenue Ponce Inlet, FL 32127

(386) 236-2182

# Case Number: CODE2024-000332

Case Type: Code Enforcement

Violation Notice

Date Case Established: 03/27/2024 Compliance Deadline: 05/10/2024

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(4) At the time of meter installation or replacement; or

(5) At the time an inspection reveal a cross connection which creates or may create a danger to public health; or

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(g) *Irrigation systems*. Backflow prevention devices acceptable under AWWA Manual M-14 shall be installed by a licensed plumbing contractor or licensed irrigation contractor under a plumbing permit issued for construction and connection of an irrigation system to the town's potable water system.



Case Type: Code Enforcement

(386) 236-2182

4300 S. Atlantic Avenue Ponce Inlet, FL 32127

# Violation

# Notice

Compliance Deadline: 05/10/2024

Date Case Established: 03/27/2024

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(h)Maintenance of backflow prevention devices.

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(j) The town council may, by resolution, establish fees for implementation of this section.

(k)Violations and liability.



Case Type: Code Enforcement

(386) 236-2182

Ponce Inlet, FL 32127

# Violation

Notice

Compliance Deadline: 05/10/2024

Date Case Established: 03/27/2024

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b. Direct the immediate elimination of the cross connection by the installation of a backflow prevention device acceptable under the AWWA Manual M-14.

(3) Any inspector, town officer, employee, special magistrate, or member of the code enforcement board, if any, who is or may be charged with or involved in the enforcement of this section, in the discharge of such duties, shall not thereby be personally liable, and is, to the extent permitted by law, hereby relieved from all and protected by the town against any personal liability for any damage that may accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of such duties. (Ord. No. 2005-03, § 1, 4-20-2005; Ord. No. 2008-04, § 1, 5-21-2008)

# Compliance Date: May 10, 2024

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Both these charges will be recorded into the public records of Volusia County and will constitute a lien of your property, as well as any other property that is owned by you in the state of Florida in accordance with Florida statutes 162.09(3).

If you have any questions related to this matter, please do not hesitate Mr. Fred Griffith, Public Works Director at 386-322-6729.

Kindest Regards,

David Hooker, CEP Code Compliance Manager

Certified Mail 9589-0710-5270-1429-4721-16





Agenda Item: 9-D

# **Report to Code Enforcement Board**

**Topic:** Case #2024-333 Owner(s): Randhir & Nekpal Singh Property Address: 36 Caribbean Way Alleged Violation(s): Irrigation system without the required backflow preventor and/or testing

**Summary:** Staff will provide testimony and evidence regarding the following case. The Board will be asked to make a decision based on that evidence and testimony.

**Suggested motion:** To be determined by the Board after testimony and evidence has been provided on the case.

**Requested by:** 

Mr. Hooker, Code Compliance Manager

Approved by:

Mr. Disher, Town Manager





# MEMORANDUM TOWN OF PONCE INLET – PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Town of Ponce Inlet staff shall be professional, caring, and fair in delivering community excellence while ensuring Ponce Inlet citizens obtain the greatest value for their tax dollar.

THROUGH: Drew Smith, Town Attorney

FROM: David Hooker, Code Compliance Manager

**DATE:** May 13, 2024

DATE OF MEETING: May 20, 2024

| Case Number: | 2024-333         |
|--------------|------------------|
| Address:     | 36 Caribbean Way |

## **Alleged Violation:**

Irrigation system without the required backflow prevention device and/or passing test report being filed.

## **Code of Ordinance**

Section 78-65 – Cross Connection Control

## **Brief History:**

In accordance with the Florida Administrative Code and the Town's adopted municipal code, it is incumbent upon the Town to safeguard the integrity of its public water supply system.

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Beginning in 2023, the Town's Public Works Department initiated a proactive effort to identify properties lacking the requisite backflow prevention devices. Therefore, on December 5, 2023, certified letters were dispatched to approximately 110 property owners, apprising them of their non-compliance regarding backflow prevention device installation and how to correct.

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The certified correspondence afforded property owners a grace period until April 1, 2024—spanning 117 days—to rectify the compliance deficiency in alignment with the established regulations.

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As of the present hearing date, the subject property persists in non-compliance with the mandated code requirements.

#### **Recommendation:**

The property to be found in non-compliance and assess fine in accordance with Florida statutes Chapter 162.09.





**Town of Ponce inlet** 4300 S. Atlantic Avenue Case Number: CODE2024-000333

Case Type: Code Enforcement

(386) 236-2182

Ponce Inlet, FL 32127

Violation

Notice

Date Case Established: 03/27/2024 Compliance Deadline: 05/10/2024

Owner/Violator: Randhir & Nekpal Singh

### **Mailing Address**

36 Caribbean Way Ponce Inlet, Florida 32127

## Notice of Violation for the following location:

### Address

Parcel

6437-06-00-0040

36 Caribbean Way PONCE INLET, FL 32127

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**Town of Ponce Inlet** 4300 S. Atlantic Avenue

Ponce Inlet, FL 32127

# Violation

Date Case Established: 03/27/2024

## Notice

Compliance Deadline: 05/10/2024

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## Compliance Date: May 10, 2024

If you are unable to meet the required compliance date, this case will be referred to the Town's Code Enforcement Board for a hearing scheduled for May 20, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. located at 4300 South Atlantic Avenue, Ponce Inlet, Florida.

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Both these charges will be recorded into the public records of Volusia County and will constitute a lien of your property, as well as any other property that is owned by you in the state of Florida in accordance with Florida statutes 162.09(3).

If you have any questions related to this matter, please do not hesitate Mr. Fred Griffith, Public Works Director at 386-322-6729.

Kindest Regards,

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David Hooker, CEP Code Compliance Manager

Certified Mail 9589-0710-5270-1429-4721-23





Agenda Item: 9-E

# **Report to Code Enforcement Board**

**Topic:** Case #2024-337 Owner(s): Stacey & Steven Oshinski Property Address: 37 Coastal Oaks Circle Alleged Violation(s): Irrigation system without the required backflow preventor and/or testing

**Summary:** Staff will provide testimony and evidence regarding the following case. The Board will be asked to make a decision based on that evidence and testimony.

**Suggested motion:** To be determined by the Board after testimony and evidence has been provided on the case.

**Requested by:** 

Mr. Hooker, Code Compliance Manager

Approved by:

Mr. Disher, Town Manager



### MEMORANDUM TOWN OF PONCE INLET – PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Town of Ponce Inlet staff shall be professional, caring, and fair in delivering community excellence while ensuring Ponce Inlet citizens obtain the greatest value for their tax dollar.

THROUGH: Drew Smith, Town Attorney

FROM: David Hooker, Code Compliance Manager

**DATE:** May 13, 2024

DATE OF MEETING: May 20, 2024

| Case Number: | 2024-337               |
|--------------|------------------------|
| Address:     | 37 Coastal Oaks Circle |

#### Alleged Violation:

Irrigation system without the required backflow prevention device and/or passing test report being filed.

#### **Code of Ordinance**

Section 78-65 – Cross Connection Control

#### **Brief History:**

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As of the present hearing date, the subject property persists in non-compliance with the mandated code requirements.

#### **Recommendation:**

The property to be found in non-compliance and assess fine in accordance with Florida statutes Chapter 162.09.



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**Town of Ponce Inlet** 4300 S. Atlantic Avenue

Violation

Date Case Established: 03/27/2024

Notice

Compliance Deadline: 05/10/2024

Owner/Violator: Steven & Stacy Oshinski

## Mailing Address

37 Coastal Oaks Circle Ponce Inlet, Florida 32127

## Notice of Violation for the following location:

#### Address

Parcel

37 Coastal Oaks Circle PONCE INLET, FL 32127 6429-05-00-0130

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**Case Type: Code Enforcement** 

4300 S. Atlantic Avenue Ponce Inlet, FL 32127

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David Hooker, CEP Code Compliance Manager

Certified Mail 9589-0710-5270-1429-4721-54





Agenda Item: 9-F

# **Report to Code Enforcement Board**

Topic:Case #2024-338<br/>Owner(s): William Frazier<br/>Property Address: 4329 South Atlantic Avenue<br/>Alleged Violation(s): Irrigation system without the required<br/>backflow preventor and/or testing

**Summary:** Staff will provide testimony and evidence regarding the following case. The Board will be asked to make a decision based on that evidence and testimony.

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**THROUGH:** Drew Smith, Town Attorney

FROM: David Hooker, Code Compliance Manager

**DATE:** May 13, 2024

DATE OF MEETING: May 20, 2024

| Case Number: | 2024-338                   |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| Address:     | 4329 South Atlantic Avenue |

#### **Alleged Violation:**

Irrigation system without the required backflow prevention device and/or passing test report being filed.

#### **Code of Ordinance**

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## Case Number: CODE2024-000338

Case Type: Code Enforcement

Violation

Notice

Compliance Deadline: 05/10/2024

Date Case Established: 03/27/2024

**Owner/Violator: William Frazier** 

## **Mailing Address**

713 Island Way Clearwater Beach, Florida 33767

## Notice of Violation for the following location:

### Address

Parcel

6313-01-00-0060

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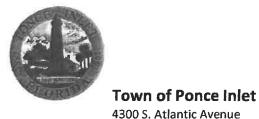
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Ponce Inlet, FL 32127

## Violation

Notice

Compliance Deadline: 05/10/2024

Date Case Established: 03/27/2024

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Failure to comply with this section may result in the disconnection of the premises from the town water system until such time as the required statement is provided. If a statement is not received from the owner on or before the required date, a notice will be sent to the owner by the town allowing a reasonable time for the inspection and testing of the device to be completed. If no inspection or service documentation has been received by the town from the owner after the time set for such inspection and testing, the Town may disconnect service of the premises from the town water system.

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Compliance Deadline: 05/10/2024

Date Case Established: 03/27/2024

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b. Direct the immediate elimination of the cross connection by the installation of a backflow prevention device acceptable under the AWWA Manual M-14.

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## Compliance Date: May 10, 2024

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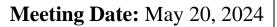
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Kindest Regards,

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David Hooker, CEP Code Compliance Manager

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Agenda Item: 9-G

# **Report to Code Enforcement Board**

**Topic:** Case #2024-366 Owner(s): Kevin Purucker Property Address: 47 Oceanway Alleged Violation(s): Irrigation system without the required backflow preventor and/or testing

**Summary:** Staff will provide testimony and evidence regarding the following case. The Board will be asked to make a decision based on that evidence and testimony.

**Suggested motion:** To be determined by the Board after testimony and evidence has been provided on the case.

**Requested by:** 

Mr. Hooker, Code Compliance Manager

Approved by:

Mr. Disher, Town Manager



### **MEMORANDUM** TOWN OF PONCE INLET – PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Town of Ponce Inlet staff shall be professional, caring, and fair in delivering community excellence while ensuring Ponce Inlet citizens obtain the greatest value for their tax dollar.

THROUGH: Drew Smith, Town Attorney

FROM: David Hooker, Code Compliance Manager

**DATE:** May 13, 2024

DATE OF MEETING: May 20, 2024

| <b>Case Number:</b> | 2024-366          |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Address:            | 47 Oceanway Drive |

#### **Alleged Violation:**

Irrigation system without the required backflow prevention device and/or passing test report being filed.

#### **Code of Ordinance**

Section 78-65 – Cross Connection Control

#### **Brief History:**

In accordance with the Florida Administrative Code and the Town's adopted municipal code, it is incumbent upon the Town to safeguard the integrity of its public water supply system.

One crucial measure to ensure this protection is the installation of backflow prevention devices between individual properties and the Town's water meters.

Beginning in 2023, the Town's Public Works Department initiated a proactive effort to identify properties lacking the requisite backflow prevention devices. Therefore, on December 5, 2023, certified letters were dispatched to approximately 110 property owners, apprising them of their non-compliance regarding backflow prevention device installation and how to correct.

The certified correspondence afforded property owners a grace period until April 1, 2024 spanning 117 days—to rectify the compliance deficiency in alignment with the established regulations.

After this grace period elapsed, on April 1, 2024, the oversight of these non-compliant properties was transitioned to the purview of Code Enforcement. Formal notices of violations were issued to property owners found in violation. An additional timeframe until May 10, 2024—amounting to 39 days—was granted to facilitate compliance.

As of the present hearing date, the subject property persists in non-compliance with the mandated code requirements.

#### **Recommendation:**

The property to be found in non-compliance and assess fine in accordance with Florida statutes Chapter 162.09.



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**Town of Ponce Inlet** 4300 S. Atlantic Avenue

Violation

Date Case Established: 03/27/2024

Notice

Compliance Deadline: 05/10/2024

Owner/Violator: Kevin Purucker

## **Mailing Address**

47 Oceanway Drive Ponce Inlet, Florida 32127

## Notice of Violation for the following location:

### Address

Parcel

6430-18-00-0200

47 Oceanway Drive PONCE INLET, FL 32127

This violation letter is to inform you that staff has observed a violation at the property in which according to the Volusia County Property Appraiser's Office, this property is owned by you in the Town of Ponce Inlet.

On December 5, 2023, a certified letter was sent to you addressing the violation of no backflow preventor device and / or passing test report being filed, on your irrigation system as required by Town code and state law. This letter granted you until April 1, 2024 to have your property in compliance with the adopted regulations. As of today's date, your property remains in violation.

## The violation and how to correct are:

1 – Irrigation system without required backflow prevention device and/or passing test report being filed.

## How to Correct:

## Item Number 1

a. have a licensed plumbing contractor or licensed irrigation contractor secure a building permit for the installation backflow device and have it tested to ensure compliance.

b. or have the irrigation meter removed from the system

You are hereby cited with the following sections of code.

## Code of Ordinance

## Section 78-65 – Cross Connection Control

(a) The town hereby adopts Recommended Practice for Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control Manual (M-14), Third Edition, and subsequent editions, which is incorporated by reference. A copy of the manual is on file in the office of the town clerk.

(b) Cross connection, as defined by Rule 62-550.200, Florida Administrative Code, is prohibited. However, a person who owns or manages a public water system may interconnect to another public water system if that system is operated and maintained in accordance with this chapter. Any person making, or allowing to be made, such cross connection to the town water system shall be subject to the penalties of sections <u>1-11</u> and <u>78-65(k)</u> of this Code or may be brought before the code enforcement board, at the option of the town.



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(c) The town adopts by reference the Town of Ponce Inlet "Cross Connection Control Program Manual", 2008 version, as may be updated and amended from time to time. The manual adopts procedures to detect and prevent cross connections that create or may create a potential danger to public health. The town's Cross Connection Control Program Manual reflects accepted practices of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) guidelines as set forth in the Association's Manual M-14, Recommended Practice for Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control, Third Edition.

(d) The public works director, or any employee so authorized by the director, shall have the right to enter any property serviced by the utility for the purpose of inspection for cross connections. In so doing, the director or the authorized employee shall first seek the permission of a person of suitable age and discretion therein or in control of the premises. Failure to grant such permission shall be deemed as a rebuttable presumption of a violation and shall provide the person seeking such permission with probable

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