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Patricia Sinclair
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RE: 331 Johnson Avenue - Appeal Hearing before the CDAC

Dear Ms. Sinclair:

On August 30, 2012, the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) with eleven members present, heard an appeal brought forth by you, the owner of 331 Johnson Avenue. You requested the appeal to challenge the notice of violation that was issued on July 18, 2012, by Dan Johnson, Code Enforcement Officer, with the Planning and Development Services Department.

The CDAC first received testimony from Brian Jimenez, Code Enforcement Manager for the City, who described the history of non-compliance at the property, the conditions of the property on July 18, 2012, for which you were cited as well as the current conditions as viewed on August 28, 2012. In addition to that testimony, the committee reviewed pictures that were taken on July 18, 2012 and August 28, 2012 and asked follow up questions from Mr. Jimenez.

You were then allowed to speak to the CDAC and present pictures for their review. The committee allowed you to explain why you believed staff had incorrectly cited you for violations of the Environmental Code on July 18, 2012. At the conclusion of your testimony, the committee also asked follow up questions of you and then allowed public comment from those who were present that wished to speak. Following public comment, the committee determined that the City had correctly enforced the Environmental Code by citing you for the exterior storage violations that included your front porch and rear yard. The motion was passed on a 10-1 vote.

It is the committee's understanding that the City may pursue the abatement of the violations by following the abatement provisions as outlined in Section 9-609 of the Environmental Code. The CDAC supports the Code Enforcement Division pursuing all enforcement means at their disposal to eliminate all violations of the Environmental Code.

Sincerely,

David Teixeira
Chair, Community Development Advisory Committee

