

BLIGHT APPEALS HEARING  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016  
5:15 P.M.

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**City Officials Present**

Joe Jaumann Esq.  
Dave Blackwell Sr.

**Property Owners Present**

Darren N. Southard  
Karen Langrieger  
Charles Collinge

**Call to Order:**

Attorney Jaumann called the hearing to order at 5:22 p.m. All rose, Pledged Allegiance to the Flag. Attorney Jaumann explained the hearing process.

Attorney Jaumann calls upon Mr. Darren N. Southard property owner of 20 Meadow Street Ansonia, CT 06401. Attorney Jaumann says he reviewed the file and states action was taken by the City of Ansonia. Attorney Jaumann notes that a letter dated August 26, 2016 states the property is cited for overgrown grass and shrubs, front porch not to code, and hand railings falling.

Attorney Jaumann reads the appeal received from Mr. Southard dated September 10, 2016.

Mr. Southard says he does not get mail at that address, does not speak with ex wife and is currently going to court for foreclosure on the home. Mr. Southard says he has been going back and forth to South Carolina for family issue. Mr. Southard goes on to say that he let the grass become overgrown because he was sick of a neighbors dog going to the bathroom all over his yard, he also said he did not cut the bushes because he sits on the porch and smokes and it keeps him hidden from neighbors.

Attorney Jaumann asks about the railings. Mr. Blackwell says they are in a state of disrepair.

Attorney Jaumann says some remediation was done, asks Mr. Southard how he would like to deal with the code violations.

Mr. Southard says he did not know about the code violations and says he bought the house like that 6 years ago with an FHA loan and it passed inspection. Mr. Southard again states he does not get the mail at the address. Mr. Southard provides his mailing address of 245 Guinea Rd. Monroe, CT 06468.

Attorney Jaumann says he is willing to give Mr. Southard more time.

Mr. Blackwell asks Mr. Southard to come to his office so he can try to work with him. Mr. Southard says he works until 5 p.m. Mr. Blackwell says he will be in the building until 7p.m. on Thursday. Mr. Southard says he will be there.

Attorney Jaumann asks about how long Mr. Southard thinks he needs to complete the work. Mr. Southard says 60 days.

Attorney Jaumann says he is going to give Mr. Southard another 60 days. Attorney Jaumann states this appeal will not be dismissed, it is continued pending Mr. Blackwells approval.

Attorney Jaumann calls upon Mr. Thomas & Karen Langrieger property owners of 14 Jarvis Drive, Ansonia, CT 06401. Mrs. Langrieger states that her husband is currently not living in the state. Mr. Thomas Langrieger Jr. is present.

Mr. Blackwell says the property was cited for unregistered vehicles, commercial vehicles in residential areas, and front yard parking. Mr. Blackwell says the letter was sent on August 12, 2016.

Attorney Jaumann asks how many unregistered vehicles in total. Mr. Blackwell believes there are four and says one was tagged today. Mr. Blackwell adds that at least 3 vehicles were on Platt Street.

Mr. Langrieger says that the vehicles were not unregistered. He states he had a business in Woodbridge and when the lease was up he had everything in the vehicle parked in the side yard. Mr. Langrieger goes on to say that the pictures you see, were my sisters vehicles and their boyfriends when my family went on vacation the cars were all parked at the house. Mr, Langrieger says the only unregistered vehicle is the van that I am using for storage, I am buying a house in Shelton and we close on the October 2, 2016 it may be pushed back to weeks. Mr. Langrieger states he knows that you are allowed one unregistered vehicle on the property.

Mr. Blackwell says yes you are allowed one unregistered vehicle on the property for a period of 30 days.

Attorney Jaumann says we are beyond the 30 days at this point, I understand you were on vacation. Attorney Jaumann asks if you can get a cover for the van.

Mr. Blackwell says a fitted cover, not a blue tarp.

Mr. Langrieger says he will get a cover he will go out to AutoZone tonight.

Mr. Langrieger says off subject the street is very bad and the neighbors have campers in their yard and the grass is 5 ft. tall.

Attorney Jaumann directs Mr. Langrieger to call Public Works in regards to the street in need of repair and to make a formal blight complaint in regards to neighbors if he wishes.

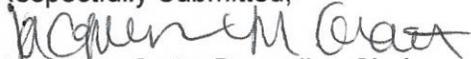
Attorney Jaumann grants the appeal giving Mr. Blackwell the authority to finalize it once the van is covered the appeal will be dismissed.

Attorney Jaumann calls upon Mr. Charles Collinge property owner of 92 Beaver Street Ansonia, CT 06401.

Mr. Collinge says he has been working in New Hampshire for the past month, but says he has taken care of everything on the original complaint aside from a small pile in the back that needs to be cleaned up.

Attorney Jaumann says that we will leave the appeal open. Mr. Collinge is instructed to report back to Mr. Blackwell as paint is completed and small area in back is cleaned up. Mr. Blackwell has the authority to dismiss this or bring it back if needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Jacquelyn Craig, Recording Clerk