



CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING MINUTES

Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Historic City Hall, Commission Chambers – 225 East Main Street, Suite 105

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CALL TO ORDER

Magistrate Mitchell called Animal Control Hearing to order @ 10:04am

ADMINISTER OATH

Magistrate Mitchell administered oath to those whom were present to speak

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1. Minutes for May 28, 2026, Code Enforcement Hearing and May 28, 2026, Code Enforcement Hearing Animal control

Minutes for May 28, 2026, Code Enforcement Hearing and May 28, 2026, Code Enforcement Hearing Animal control were approved as presented

OLD CASES

2. Angel Lopez Diego

319 N 9th Avenue

CITATION #WPD003151

Angel Lopez Diego was not present

Officer Ethan Enderlin with Wauchula Police Department provided statement - on 6/9/2026 @ 11:29am while he was conducting a routine patrol of the City of Wauchula, there was a call for service for an animal complaint at N. 9th and Louisiana Street. Enderlin discovered a loose dog around the 319 N. 9th Avenue property. He contacted the owner of the property of which Angel Diego admitted the dog belonged to them and it's known to freely escape multiple times a week. Enderlin stated the call for this animal happens multiple times a week.

Magistrate Mitchell fined in violation of Section 4-28, \$100 fine plus \$50.00

Administrative Fee, totals \$150.00 due to Angel Lopez Diego did not pay the initial citation and this will attach to their property.

Animal Control Hearing ended @ 10:09am

NEW CASES

3. Code Enforcement Hearing began at 10:09am

Bertin Garcia Sotelo / Maria Alejandrina Delarosa Rodriguez

920 S 7th Avenue

26-059-M

Code Enforcement Officer Raina Bergens of the City of Wauchula presented information regarding this property. Bergens stated she opened a Maintenance Case due to there were some over hangs that were an issue, Bergens stated these have been taken care of. There is also Vinyl Siding on the house, when the wind blows, the siding comes off and needs to be attached.

Present was Bertin Garcia Sotelo, stated he did not want to speak, he was supported by a translator that did not identify himself.

Bertin Garcia Sotelo (present) Maira Alejandrina Delarosa Rodriguez (not present) resides at 3214 Minor Avenue, Bowling Green, Florida, which are the property owners of subject property

Magistrate Mitchell gives property owner 30 days to fix the issues, if not resolved by August 24, 2026, a fine of \$100.00 per day thereafter will go into effect.

4. Sergio Negrete & Genoveva Negrete

408 N 8th Avenue

26-067-NA

CLEARED PRIOR TO HEARING

PUBLIC COMMENT / NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Bergens discussed with Magistrate Mitchell, on record, an issue regarding a School Zone Traffic Citation that was received by Ms. Benover (present) that the notification of this citation did not reach the City of Wauchula or Wauchula Police Department. Bergens informed Mitchell that there has been a change of guard. This item could not be added to the agenda due to no information. Benover provided a copy of the citation to Bergens. Magistrate Mitchell informed Benover that this was not a traffic citation hearing and he can not hear the case today. He explained how the process works about the notice and it has to be done through the appeals process.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussions, hearing was adjourned at 10:15am