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| 1 | MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. | 1 | Property Maintenance Code. |
| 2 | BZA MEMBER: So, first one -- | 2 | My client's representative who is |
| 3 | first one we're going to discuss is Case | 3 | here to testify with me today will state |
| 4 | No. 24-1. This is in regards to a | 4 | that they attempted to ameliorate the |
| 5 | maintenance violation dated $1 / 24 / 24$, | 5 | problem, but they were unable to do so |
| 6 | Apartment 850 East Building. | 6 | because they could not gain admittance to |
| 7 | If you could just kind of state | 7 | the property. |
| 8 | your reasoning what we're here for today. | 8 | That when they went with their -- |
| 9 | MR. O'BRIEN: So, we are here | 9 | with the property's pest control company, |
| 10 | today because Mr. Brennan filed -- or | 10 | that they attempted to gain entry and the |
| 11 | served upon our clients a Notice of | 11 | -- the tenant who lived there would not |
| 12 | Violations titled a Property Maintenance | 12 | allow them entry. |
| 13 | Notice with respect to the International | 13 | They tried to key in and the |
| 14 | Property Maintenance Code Section 309.1 in | 14 | tenant who was there in the apartment had |
| 15 | which it states all structures shall be | 15 | barred the chain on the door. They had |
| 16 | kept free from insect and rodent | 16 | prevented them from any entrance. They |
| 17 | infestation. All structures in which | 17 | would not let them in and would not let |
| 18 | insect or rodents are found shall be | 18 | them provide treatment for the infestation. |
| 19 | promptly exterminated by approved process | 19 | With me today is Stephanie |
| 20 | that will not be injurious to human health. | 20 | Hartman. |
| 21 | Mr. Brennan then ordered in his | 21 | Stephanie, can you step up to the |
| 22 | violation notice that the tenant -- that | 22 | podium. |
| 23 | the property owner shall properly | 23 | MS. HARTMAN: Yes. Hello. |
| 24 | exterminate all insects and roaches | 24 | MR. KOUDELA: Can you say your |
| 25 | throughout Apartment No. 850 East Building | 25 | name and address for the record, please. |
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| 1 | pies of reports and invoices, | 1 MS. HARTMAN: Do you want my home |  |
| 2 | his compliance date, as stated in the | 2 | address? |
| 3 | notice, was January 29th or a five-day | 3 | MR. O'BRIEN: Just Shoregate |
| 4 | thereafter. My client contends that, first of all, that such compliance date is not possible, that it's unreasonable under the | 4 | Towers. |
| 5 |  | 5 | MR. KOUDELA: Just Shoregate |
| 6 |  | 6 | Towers is fine. |
| 7 | Property Maintenance Code to request that somebody exterminate any insects or they're filed with the code within such time. | 7 | MS. HARTMAN: Stephanie Hartman, |
| 8 |  | 8 | 30901, Lakeshore Boulevard, Willowick, Ohio |
| 9 |  | 9 | 44095. |
| 10 | Section 107 of the Code | 10 | MS. CLARKE: And what's your |
| 11 | specifically states that any notice that's | 11 | affiliation with Shoregate Towers? |
| 12 | given by the building official shall | 12 | MS. HARTMAN: I'm the property |
| 13 | require not only that it be in writing, | 13 | manager. |
| 14 | provide a description of real estate, | 14 |  |
| 15 | include statement of violation, and why the | 15 | EXAMINATION OF STEPHANIE HARTMAN |
| 16 | notice is being issued, and also include a | 16 |  |
| time to make repairs and improvements required to bring the dwelling, unit, or structure into compliance with provision to the Code. <br> It is our contention that allowing only five days to bring the structure into compliance with the Code is unreasonable and therefore violative of the 2015 | correction order, allowing a reasonable time to make repairs and improvements required to bring the dwelling, unit, or structure into compliance with provision to the Code. <br> It is our contention that allowing only five days to bring the structure into compliance with the Code is unreasonable and therefore violative of the 2015 | 17 | Q. And how long have you been the property manager for Shoregate? |
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|  |  | 19 | st of 2023. |
|  |  | 20 | ou're the onsite property manager, right? |
|  |  | 21 | correct. |
|  |  | 22 | are your duties as the onsite property |
|  |  | 23 | ger? |
|  |  | 24 | nage the property. |
|  |  | 25 | And what do you mean by "manage the |



2 A. Correct.
Q. And you attempted to have him treat the unit?
. And why were you unsuccessful?
A. They refused to let us in.

MR. O'BRIEN: I'll play this for
the Board then. I've got a copy for you as well. I'll stand here if that's okay.

Can everybody see this?
MS. LANGRAF: Do you have a copy for the Clerk?

MR. O'BRIEN: We have a copy, but I'll just play it one time for everybody.
(Thereupon, video played.)

MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Mr. O'Brien, if you're -- if you're ready, back to my initial question. What are we doing here today? What are you --

MR. O'BRIEN: We are into --
MR. KOUDELA: -- looking to do?

MR. O'BRIEN: We are here today because we would like the Board to agree with us that the Violation Notice does not comply with the 2015 Property Maintenance Code because it does not provide an adequate amount of time under the circumstances to address the issue and bring the property into compliance.

Again, 2015 Property Maintenance Code, which is incorporated into the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick by Section 1367.01 thereof requires that adequate notice be given, and that the landlord be given or the property owner be given an adequate amount of time, not only to correct the violation, but to bring the property back into compliance with the provisions of the Code.

And we submit to you -- we contend
that a Property Maintenance Violation of the notice that only gives five days to bring the property into compliance, which means to exterminate all pests under the Property Maintenance Code section, which in this case is 309.1 does not give adequate

amount of time.
So, we are asking the City to amend, at the very least, the Violation Notice to allow my client enough time to bring the property back into the compliance, which would include then, you know, giving them enough time to get the tenant who will not let them in, to let them in to perform what needs to be performed, which is infestation this instance.

MR. KOUDELA: Okay.
MR. O'BRIEN: Thank you.
MR. FLAISIG: Mr. O'Brien, is that tenant still occupying Apartment 850 ?

MS. HARTMAN: She is currently under eviction, so I'm just waiting on that timeframe.

MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah, We filed an eviction case in the Willoughby Municipal Court. This is one of the Section 8 tenants from the Lake Municipal Housing Authority.

Lake Municipal Housing Authority has terminated their contracts with

Shoregate Towers. Those units -- those tenants who have failed to vacate their units and find new housing and who are not paying their rent, are now being evicted for non payment of rent.

And this unit should be -- I
believe we're scheduled on this case to go before the Willoughby Municipal Court on March 4th, which means that we anticipate getting a judgement on that date, which means by the middle of March this tenant should have vacated.

So, we would ask that you give
us -- and since they won't let us gain entry to the unit, since they're barring the door and not answering and not letting us in, we ask that you give us at least until a few days after that date, until say March 20th, to go and treat for roaches and to fix whatever problems are in the unit.

MR. KOUDELA: Okay.
MR. O'BRIEN: And I have here a thumb drive, it contains the video. So, if I can submit it, the material to the Clerk.

MR. KOUDELA: Yep.

MR. O'BRIEN: Thank you.
MR. FLAISIG: Now do you have video of your attempts on February 2nd and February 9th, the two Fridays after your 26th attempt of attempting to gain access to the property?

MR. O'BRIEN: I have not
[unintelligible] no, but -- will this
tenant allow you to gain entry to that unit?

MS. HARTMAN: No, they will not answer any phone calls, they will not answer any messages. They want nothing to do with me.

MR. O'BRIEN: The point is just that the Property Maintenance Code states
that notice shall be given and that the notice shall include a reasonable time in which to ameliorate the problem and to bring the property back into compliance.

The Code also requires -- or also states that not just the building owner or the property owner, but also the occupant of the unit, you know, can be cited for such -- for any [unintelligible] under the

Code. And in this case, the occupant wasn't cited, but only the property.

MS. CLARKE: Mr. O'Brien, I just have a couple questions.

MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah.
MS. LANGRAF: : So, on the 24th you got a notice that you needed to promptly exterminate insects and roaches throughout Apartment 850 in the East Building, right? Your tenant did? Your client?

MR. O'BRIEN: My client received that, yes.

MS. LANGRAF: : Okay. And then that video, it said she went there on the 26th; is that right?

MR. O'BRIEN: So, it was the 26th?
MS. HARTMAN: Let me confirm in my cellphone because that's the day that I sent it to you, so --

MR. O'BRIEN: I confirmed that you sent me the video on January 26th at 2:34 P.M.

MS. LANGRAF: : Okay.
MR. O'BRIEN: And Sean Ford is the
technician for Ehrlich Pest Control that could -- that has been coming, I don't know, probably a couple years, before your time --

MS. HARTMAN: Yeah.
MR. O'BRIEN: -- to perform pest control maintenance at the property every Friday.

MS. LANGRAF: : Sure.
MR. O'BRIEN: And so, they -- they have a contract that says that Ehrlich will -- will -- will treat not just common areas in the building, but they'll also treat a number of units every Friday, that's 18 units.

So, if Stephanie tells them that we need these units treated, they will go treat them.

MS. LANGRAF: : Okay. So, on the 24th, you got a notice from the City that there was an issue in Apartment 850. Do you know if that apartment was already scheduled with Sean that day or did you tell them to go there?

MS. HARTMAN: I'm sorry, repeat
the question. Because it would've been for sure the 26th. I'm sorry, I was just looking at the date because the date is the -- is a Friday.

MS. LANGRAF: : Was that apartment scheduled for the pest control on the 26th or did you add that onto the -- to the --

MS. HARTMAN: I added that on --
MS. LANGRAF: -- [unintelligible]. Okay.

MS. HARTMAN: -- yeah.
MS. LANGRAF: : So, the compliance date was January 29th, but you were at the apartment with pest control on the 26th.

MS. HARTMAN: Correct.
MS. LANGRAF: : And you're here today saying that the 29th was not a reasonable amount of time to get pest control to the apartment?

MS. HARTMAN: They refused entry.
MS. LANGRAF: : And then your appeal was filed on the 26th as well?

MR. O'BRIEN: I filed -- I think I brought the appeal -- I brought the appeal in on the 29th.

MS. LANGRAF: : 29th. But you served it on the City on the --

MR. O'BRIEN: And for some reason it says received on the 26th.

MS. LANGRAF: : Yeah.
MR. O'BRIEN: And I know because when I arrived I saw Mr. Brennan at the window, and I was given -- or no, no, that's not right. I came, I brought it in the 26th, and then I was told to come back on the 29th. So yes, I filed this on the 26th.

MS. LANGRAF: : Okay.
MR. BRENNAN: Mr. Chairman --
MR. KOUDELA: Yes.
MR. BRENNAN: -- I believe this was a Friday.

MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah, so I came in on a Friday.

MR. BRENNAN: Yeah, it was on a Friday, and I don't know exactly what the date was on that Friday.

MR. O'BRIEN: That was the 26th.
It was the 26th, and then Sean said the secretary wasn't there, and then I get
called and I got called and I came back on the 29th and gave him the check, and I got -- and then received the paperwork on that date. But yes, I was there on the 26th because if we believe that a Violation Notice did not comply with the Code, that we have 20 days then to -- under the Code -- to file an appeal with this Board.

And I didn't believe that at that time -- that giving five days' notice to eradicate all pests in one apartment is reasonable. I also -- I mean, you know, I also believe that -- and not that the Board cares about this, you might care about this -- I also think that, you know, that the ordinance itself is violative to a substantive due process because it doesn't provide, you know, reasonable time to comply necessarily, because the definition of infestation under this -- under this Property Maintenance Code means even one insect or one rodent, so I don't know how anybody could ever comply with the Code when it says that even one bug is an infestation. And it's impossible in a 403
unit, two-tower apartment building to not have one bug in the unit.

And I know you would understand what substitute process is, I don't think necessarily the Board does, but I don't think that the Code complies with due process in that regard because I think it's impossible not to have one bug in an entire apartment complex of this size.

MS. LANGRAF: : So as of today, you haven't been able to get into the apartment?

MS. HARTMAN: I have not.
MS. LANGRAF: : So, you're asking for -- until March, what? 20th?

MR. O'BRIEN: We anticipate that on March 4th, barring anybody, you know, entering an appearance on behalf of the tenant and asking for an extension or anything, we anticipate that this person will be -- will -- that my client will receive a writ of restitution allowing 7 to 10 days for the person to get out as of March 4th.

So I would anticipate that by the
middle of March this person should have been removed from the property and they can get in -- problems for the towers is that there are numerous tenants -- there are numerous tenants who are very good tenants and there are numerous tenants who were very bad tenants and they're in the process of evicting -- evicting all the very bad tenants. The ones who do not comply with their obligations under Ohio Landlord Tenant Acts to keep their property clean. And also under this Property Maintenance Code, tenants are required to keep their property clean, to do things like not allow bugs or roaches to come in, to remove their garbage, to clean their apartment. There are some people who do not. There are some people who, you know, are very bad tenants and allow filth to accumulate in their apartments, which attracts, you know, pests.

So, you know, when you've got tenants like that, and those tenants will not allow management access to the property to allow them to ameliorate the problem

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| 1 | that the tenants themselves are creating, | 1 | There are many people at Shoregate Towers |
| 2 | it's very difficult to try to fix the | 2 | who are very happy there to keep their |
| 3 | problem. | 3 | apartments clean. They don't have issues |
| 4 | And so, although Stephanie tries | 4 | with pests, but we also -- there're also |
| 5 | very hard to do that, sometimes she's not | 5 | two other companies too. There's a company |
| 6 | allowed to do it because the people just | 6 | called Porch's Pest Control, which also |
| 7 | won't let her in. | 7 | performs -- pest controls the property. |
| 8 | So, we just ask you to give us | 8 | There's also -- |
| 9 | additional time to allow the problem to be | 9 | MS. HARTMAN: [Unintelligible]. |
| 10 | fixed -- I would say, you know, 10th of | 10 | MR. O'BRIEN -- what? And there's |
| 11 | March. So, we would like you to amend the | 11 | also T\&L, Tillman, which also does other |
| 12 | Violation Notice to give us additional time | 12 | pest control. So there are actually three |
| 13 | and fix the problem. | 13 | companies that are performing pest control |
| 14 | MR. FLAISIG: Now, at the time of | 14 | services at the property, not just Ehrlich. |
| 15 | the attempt to get into the Apartment 850, | 15 | Ehrlich has the biggest contract. |
| 16 | was the common areas like the hallway, | 16 | They are the one that was tasked with |
| 17 | stairwell, were those sprayed? | 17 | treating for bugs and rodents throughout |
| 18 | MS. HARTMAN: Yes. | 18 | the property, common areas, exteriors, and |
| 19 | MR. FLAISIG: So basically, trying | 19 | a limited number of apartments every week. |
| 20 | to contain them -- | 20 | BY MR. O'BRIEN |
| 21 | MS. HARTMAN: Yes. | 21 | But how many -- how many times do you think -- do |
| 22 | MR. FLAISIG: -- In the apartment? | 22 | you think, like, do you treat 18 units every |
| 23 | MS. HARTMAN: Uh-huh. | 23 | week? |
| 24 | UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: And does Sean | 24 | We treat 18 units. If we have someone that has |
| 25 | -- he -- but when he does get in, he'll | 25 | like a bedbug issue, then we treat about 16 |
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| 1 | spray the doorways, right? | 1 | because the bedbug issue takes close to an |
| 2 | MS. HARTMAN: He -- he sprays, | 2 | hour-and-a-half, so it's like one to two less. |
| 3 | sorry. He will spray the doorway and he | 3 | MS. CLARKE: So, was any further |
| 4 | will spray throughout the hallway and the | 4 | attempt made to enter the apartment and |
| 5 | door frame. | 5 | treat it or -- |
| 6 | MR. HILL: You keep mentioning | 6 | MS. HARTMAN: Sean has tried to go |
| 7 | this -- the name Sean. Now does he do -- | 7 | two other times and they just refused any |
| 8 | does he do this by himself or does he have | 8 | service. He has not tried to key in, but |
| 9 | a crew? | 9 | he has knocked. |
| 10 | MR. O'BRIEN: No, he works for a | 10 | MS. CLARKE: So, the people don't |
| 11 | company called Ehrlich Pest Control. | 11 | ever leave like their apartment, like you |
| 12 | MR. HILL: But when he -- you say | 12 | can't -- |
| 13 | he comes every Friday. | 13 | MS. HARTMAN: I don't know. |
| 14 | MR. O'BRIEN: He is the technician | 14 | MR. O'BRIEN: I mean, he comes |
| 15 | that comes every Friday -- | 15 | every Friday, you know. |
| 16 | MR. HILL: By himself? | 16 | The point -- our point is that, |
| 17 | MR. O'BRIEN: By himself that does | 17 | you know, there has to be a reasonable |
| 18 | these two buildings. | 18 | opportunity to not only fix the problem, |
| 19 | MR. HILL: So, you're talking | 19 | but bring the property back into |
| 20 | about keeping pest control down, how does | 20 | compliance, and, you know, we, Shoregate |
| 21 | one person -- that's 27 weeks to do -- to | 21 | Towers has contracted with different pest |
| 22 | do every unit from one person. How is that | 22 | control companies, the problem is that they |
| 23 | manageable? | 23 | can't be there every day all day long, and |
| 24 | MR. O'BRIEN: If there's an issue, | 24 | although -- |
| 25 | I mean, not every apartment has an issue. | 25 | BY MR. O'BRIEN |

Q. Steph, do you make attempt to contact these people so that we can get in?
A. I do.

MS. HARTMAN: Am I allowed to say something?

MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah, go ahead.
MS. HARTMAN: Okay. So, they -actually the children in that unit have been writing all kinds of vulgar things on the walls as well. So, they refuse to make any contact with me because they're writing the "N" word on the walls. They're writing $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{T}$ all over. So, they refuse to have any contact with me due to the eviction. So, they want nothing to do with us and they're just waiting to -- for their final day, apparently.

MS. CLARKE: How do you know that?
MS. HARTMAN: Because they threw a
bag of dog poop at one of my maintenance guys.

MS. CLARKE: But how do you know they're writing on the inside of the apartment if you can't get into it?

MS. HARTMAN: Not on the inside of
the apartment, on the inside of the stairwells.

BZA MEMBER: Did you go back with Sean the next two times that he attempted to go in?

MS. HARTMAN: I did not.
BZA MEMBER: Okay. So, there was no attempt to key in. You don't know that the door was barred?

MS. HARTMAN: He just told me. Because when I'm the only one in the office, I don't have time to go every single time.

BZA MEMBER: Why did you go the one time you did go?

MS. HARTMAN: Because I wanted to prove -- I wanted to prove that they refused to let us in.

BZA MEMBER: So, I guess what's
the difference between the next two if we've had this appeal holding? I mean, I
would've -- I would've expected that we would've done the same thing each time, right?

MS. HARTMAN: To be honest, I
didn't know that I was going to have to be here, and I didn't know that I would even take a video, I just wanted to prove it that one time to him.

BZA MEMBER: How did they -- how did we find this for the team -- how did we get in there the first time to find this?

MR. BRENNAN: Mr. Chairman?
MR. KOUDELA: Yes, sir.
MR. BRENNAN: I was on an annual inspection. This Apartment 850 in the East Building was one of the last few apartments that we had to get into complete our annual inspection. And while we were doing this inspection, my other inspector Alfredo was with me also. We were walking through the apartment trying to do our inspection and he was in the dining room, he noticed some roaches -- I do have some pictures here. I just brought them with me and brought one for Mr. O'Brien to take a look at them.

These -- if you'll want to just pass those down.

MR. BRENNAN: So, Alfredo took the picture in the dining room and it's going 32
to be the first page. As I was walking down the hallway going towards the back bedrooms, the bathroom area, there was roaches on the ceilings, and then as we opened up the bathroom door -- excuse me -you could see lots of roaches all over the top of the door, also was in the bathroom, there was roaches all over the walls.

BZA MEMBER: How did you gain access to this apartment?

MR. BRENNAN: I was in that apartment with the maintenance man -- oh, my mind is going blank with his name.

MS. HARTMAN: Justin.
MR. BRENNAN: Justin, Justin Clay.
BZA MEMBER: How did you enter, did you knock and the tenant let you in?

MR. BRENNAN: Justin knocked on the door. He had the key and he opened the door.

BZA MEMBER: Now have the adjacent apartments been checked? Because I mean, from these pictures there's no way they're contained the one -- in this one apartment. They're just not possible.

MS. HARTMAN: I would have to see my pest control list to make sure that they were or not.

MS. LANGRAF: : In the interest for clarity, we're only here on Apartment 850.

BZA MEMBER: Now my question is any other adjacent is checked?

BZA MEMBER: Mr. Brennan?
MR. O'BRIEN: Do not know.
MS. HARTMAN: I do not know.
MR. O'BRIEN: If she doesn't know, she doesn't know.

BZA MEMBER: Mr. O'Brien brings up a reasonable amount of time. In your opinion, is five days long enough? I mean, is that somewhat standard?

MR. BRENNAN: Mr. Chairman?
MR. KOUDELA: Yes.
MR. BRENNAN: Yes, I believe
that's enough time to have that apartment treated.

MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Mr. Brennan, how much notice do you have to give the apartment to go there? Like you didn't
have any issues with gaining entry, did you give notice, or did you just show up and say we're here for inspection?

MR. BRENNAN: When we make an appointment for an annual inspection, they notify their tenants. So, this was one of the straggler apartments where we couldn't have entry in, so --

MR. KOUDELA: Okay.
MR. BRENNAN: -- while we were
there, we did make entry. There was no door lock, no hotel lock on it. The trim was busted off on the inside of the door --

MR. KOUDELA: Okay.
MR. BRENNAN: -- so...
MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Thank you.
MR. BRENNAN: Uh-huh.
MR. KOUDELA: Any other questions?
BZA MEMBER: Yeah. So -- so I
guess my next question here, why --
Stephanie, you said that you won't go if you're the only one. So, in the situation here, Sean took Justin in. Was there no maintenance man to attend the second time to validate nobody could get in and these
two subsequent attempts to enter the --
MS. HARTMAN: I did not require anybody to go with him after that.

BZA MEMBER: Okay.
MS. HARTMAN: I thought that my one video was going to be proof enough.

BZA MEMBER: Does Sean have a key to get in on his own or did you have to provide him a key during that day?

MS. HARTMAN: I have to provide a key --

BZA MEMBER: Okay.
MS. HARTMAN: -- yeah.
BZA MEMBER: So, we made no
attempt other than knocking on the door the next few times?

MS. HARTMAN: Correct.
BZA MEMBER: But we made three attempts?

MS. HARTMAN: Correct.
BZA MEMBER: Okay. So, three
attempts since the 26th to do this, but it's not been completed?

MS. HARTMAN: Correct.
BZA MEMBER: And again, the
argument is adequate time, correct?
MS. HARTMAN: Correct.
BZA MEMBER: Okay. And we've made
three attempts?
MS. HARTMAN: Correct.
BZA MEMBER: Okay.
MR. O'BRIEN: The point though is that the -- the Notice of Violation itself again dated the 24th day of January, which was a Wednesday, and my client attempted to fix the problem on Friday the 26th, and the compliance date was the 29th, which would've been the following Monday.

So, under the circumstances when -- when Mr. Brennan's well aware of the fact that Sean Brennan to come into -- that Sean Ford comes to the property every Friday and does these treatments. The question is if my client is not able to gain access on that date, that Friday, is requiring the property to be treated and brought back in compliance by that next Monday, is that a reasonable amount of time under the ordinance, and we submit that it's not.

BZA MEMBER: Well, I -- so you
stated there are three companies that work for the property.

MR. O'BRIEN: Yes. They do different things.

BZA MEMBER: So, do all three of them handle infestations?

MR. O'BRIEN: No, that is the
contract with Ehrlich for this kind of
problem, for bugs in particular. So, if somebody says, I have a problem with roaches or with other bugs, bed bugs, then
Stephanie will contact Ehrlich, let them
know you've got to treat this unit. And
she'll give a list of units to treat and
they would go to those units, but Mr. Ford
can't be expected to hang around, you know, all day or come back numerous other days to try to address the issue if the tenants are not going to allow them --

BZA MEMBER: Well --
MR. O'BRIEN: -- into the property.

BZA MEMBER: So, then my next question is, if another tenant gets a
bedbug infestation on a Monday, do they wait till Friday to have that resolved?

MR. O'BRIEN: Yes. If they're -if they're -- if the -- if my client is told on a Monday that there's an issue that it's Friday that will be addressed.

BZA MEMBER: There's no exception to that rule? There's no exception to Ehrlich coming out except on a Friday?

MR. O'BRIEN: No. The tenants also have an obligation under the 2015 Property Maintenance Code and under Ohio's Landlord Tenant Act to make sure that their property is not infested. So, it doesn't only fall upon the landlord, this -- when it comes to that, you know, the tenant is also responsible for making sure there is not garbage that is -- that is allowed to fester in their unit, which attracts pests. They are also required for --

BZA MEMBER: And, Mr. O'Brien, you don't know if there is garbage --

BZA MEMBER: But the tenant is not cited for that --

BZA MEMBER: -- right?

MR. O'BRIEN: I don't know that,
BZA MEMBER: Okay.
MR. O'BRIEN: Do you know what was the condition of this unit, Stephanie?

MS. HARTMAN: I've never been able to go inside that unit.

MR. O'BRIEN: They will not allow you to go in?

BZA MEMBER: So, we don't know if that's the garbage, so that's neither here nor there?

BZA MEMBER: That's -- so again.
MR. O'BRIEN: We don't.
BZA MEMBER: We weren't -- we
weren't cited -- the tenant wasn't cited, right? There was a citation, so again, there's no exception to a Friday. That is the only day that Ehrlich will come out, that is -- that's the question. There's no exception to that rule?

MR. O'BRIEN: Does Justin -- will Justin go there? Will your maintenance man go there --

MS. HARTMAN: For? 40

## MR. O'bRIEN: For any kind of

 infestation or not?MS. HARTMAN: No. So, you are not allowed to mix chemicals. So, if I have Ehrlich coming in to spray for roaches and I get another company to spray for roaches, it could technically hurt the person that's in there because chemicals and chemicals cannot like meet together.

BZA MEMBER: Well, I wouldn't expect the maintenance guy to do that --

MS. HARTMAN: Yeah.
BZA MEMBER: -- I'm asking if the exterminating company would come back and do that on an ad hoc basis.

MR. O'BRIEN: No, it's unreasonable to say that in 403 apartment complex that you have to have --

BZA MEMBER; We're dealing with one, we're here for 850.

MR O'BRIEN: I know that. We're talking about a complex that has 403 units. And to say that they have to have a pest control company on, you know, call to come out and treat whenever a property, tenants
that they have an issue is unreasonable.
So, the point of the Code, if you
read the Property Maintenance Code, it says
that, you know, before there can be any kind of Violation Notice for any kind of problem, and before there can be any action taken, that the City has to not only provide notice, but give a reasonable opportunity to fix the problem. And the question here is not whether or not the property, that the problem's been fixed, but whether or not a reasonable opportunity was given to the landlord to fix the problem.

And we're just saying that giving five days to fix a problem when a tenant is not allowing access to the landlord is unreasonable. That's what we are saying.

MS. CLARKE: Isn't your argument, not whether it's reasonable, but whether it's reasonable to Shoregate Towers, that's what you're asking us to do.

MR. O'BRIEN: No, my argument is it's reasonable under the circumstances. So if you -- and you'll have the
opportunity to do this, but if you look at Sections 106 and 107 of the Code, you'll see that what is required is that not only -- and this is Section 107.2, Subsection 4, says that the Violation Notice and it states, and I quote, "include a correctional order allowing a reasonable time to make repairs and improvements required to bring the dwelling unit or structure into compliance with the provisions of the Code."

So, it's not [unintelligible] to have to give a reasonable opportunity to fix the problem, and that means, you know, ameliorating the problem entirely, eradicating the unit of any pests.

So, the question is, under the circumstances is five days a reasonable opportunity to fix this problem in this unit? And we contend that it is not, especially when the tenant that is in that unit who knows they're being evicted, will not allow the property owner to come in to that unit and fix the problem. And they bar the door and they don't allow somebody
to come in and they won't answer the door when they knock, you can't expect my client to be able to ameliorate the problem.

MS. CLARKE: Are we to expect the Zoning Inspector to anticipate that somebody's going to barricade themselves in the apartment --

MR. O'BRIEN: No.
MS. CLARKE: -- when they issue a citation?

MR. O'BRIEN: No.
MS. CLARKE: So, how would we know what would be reasonable in that circumstance?

MR. O'BRIEN: Because you're hearing the testimony of my client, Mr. Brennan.

MS. CLARKE: I absolutely am, but he issued the notice based on his inspection.

MR. O'BRIEN: Yes.
MS. CLARKE: Not what happened after the inspection?

MR. O'BRIEN: Yes.
MR. KOUDELA: Is the goal, if
there is an extension, which we're looking at, by my quick math, from going from five days to about 65 days, right? Riding about two months' worth of time, that's what we're looking for, will there be a check every Friday? Will someone be with the pest control every Friday keying in, attempting to gain a -- like this is --

MR. O'BRIEN: Yes.
MR. KOUDELA: -- this is my -this is my point of contention is that there has -- while there've been three attempts, there's only one attempt shown so far where we made a, what I would consider reasonable attempt to gain access --

MR. O'BRIEN: Stephanie will go back every Friday.

MR. KOUDELA: -- the second and third time were knocks.

MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah, Stephanie will go back every Friday, she'll take another video every Friday and we can come back here every week if you like to verify what happened on every Friday.

MR. KOUDELA: I would just expect
that we would be taking all measurable steps when we have something of an appeal involved.

MR. O'BRIEN: Yes.
BZA MEMBER: So, Mr. O'Brien, you're looking for an extension until March 20th. Do you feel that that's adequate time? That's what we're here for today.

MR. O'BRIEN: I -- you know,
barring any other circumstances to prevent my client from being able to treat, yes.
But, you know, if Lake County Fair Housing decides that they want to represent this tenant on a pro bono basis and they ask for something like a jury trial and eviction -which you can do, believe it or not -- and it takes longer to hear this complaint, longer to get this tenant evicted even though they're behind on the rent for how long now?

MS. HARTMAN: Several months.
MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah. I mean, I would anticipate that this tenant would --
my client would receive a writ of restitution and that there would be an

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order ordering the tenant to vacate within seven to 10 days of March 4th. That's what I think would probably happen, but I can't guarantee it because I'm not the judge and I don't control the court.

But I would anticipate that by the end of March that this problem, that this apartment would have been cleaned out and that any problems with the apartment would've been fixed.

MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Thank you.
MR. O'BRIEN: Yep. You're welcome.

MR. KOUDELA: Mr. Brennan, one -one more question just to clarify, what day was your inspection?

MR. BRENNAN: The date of the notice was my inspection.

MR. KOUDELA: So, the 24th?
MR. BRENNAN: Correct.
MR. KOUDELA: Okay. And you had no issues gaining access that day?

MR. BRENNAN: With Justin, the maintenance director.

MR. KOUDELA: Okay. All right.

Thank you.
MR. O'BRIEN: And Justin could go back too. I mean Stephanie and Justin did both go back.

BZA MEMBER: Well, yeah.
MR. O'BRIEN: They'd be glad to do so.

MR. KOUDELA: And did he do so since the 26th?

MS. HARTMAN: Have we -- has Sean been back?

MR. KOUDELA: Has Justin?
MS. HARTMAN: Oh, I don't recall.
MR. O'BRIEN: No. Justin's job is not to deal with infestation issues. So, Justin is the maintenance director of the property, his primary function is to deal with things like water leaks, electrical problems, minor carpentry issues, you know, so we have problems like tenants who have been recently evicted, come back after the locks are changed and kick their door in, you know.

And, you know, there are numerous problems at Shoregate Towers that, you
know, make it difficult to control this, but understand when people do things like come back after they're evicted to face the property, you know, and engage in vandalism, kick their door in, you know, sometimes do really horrible things.

MR. KOUDELA: Now, Mr. O'Brien, was this done to Apartment 850 ?

MR. O'BRIEN: No, they're still there.

MR. KOUDELA: So that doesn't apply to what we're talking about.

MR. O'BRIEN: But what I'm saying is that the maintenance director has many other things to deal with. This is a property that's probably 50 years old. The towers were built in 1970. They were finished in 1971 and 1972. So, they're over 50 years old. And with a building of that age, you're going to have a lot of problems when you've got 403 units. You're going to have water leaks, you're going to have, you know, electrical issues, and the maintenance director and the maintenance staff currently that are in-house, they
primarily deal with those issues. They don't deal with infestations. They don't deal with pest control. There are outside companies that are hired for that. And at this point, there are three different companies who do that right now. And Ehrlich is the biggest one, and they're the ones that deals with things like roach infestation. So, if there's a problem -problem with roach infestations in a particular unit, Ehrlich will deal with that. And they do 18 units every single week, and they do all the common areas every single week, but -- and then I -- and -- and I don't think that that overloads the property, does it? I mean --

MS. HARTMAN: No.
MR. O'BRIEN: -- that's more than
enough [unintelligible] for the
[unintelligible] received --
MS. HARTMAN: Yes.
MR. O'BRIEN: -- is that fair to state?

MS. HARTMAN: Yes.
MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. So they're
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able to deal with complaints received and they do it every Friday. The point is that, you know, if a notice is given on a Wednesday and Ehrlich is there on Friday and my client can't gain access, they have to get a reasonable opportunity to deal with that problem under those circumstances, that's all we're asking.

BZA MEMBER: They didn't try to reenter on Monday?

MR. O'BRIEN: No. Mr. Ford is there on Fridays.

MR. KOUDELA: And you do not have video of him trying to gain entry February 2nd --

MR. O'BRIEN: No.
MR. KOUDELA: -- or February 9th?
MR. O'BRIEN: No.
MR. KOUDELA: Okay.
MS. CLARKE: So, is that
scheduled, like recommended by the pest
control company or is that what Shoregate Towers hires them to do? Like, is there a reason why they can't come back more often?

MR. O'BRIEN: Well, I think it
would become economically inefficient to have somebody come back more than once a week to try to deal with issues like this.
I mean, yes, in a perfect world they could have a person on staff that's just there to deal with that issue, but the question is, is it reasonable to require that, you know, under all circumstances. I don't think it is, and that's all we're saying.

It's like they're glad to deal with the pest control issues, they do, on a regular basis, every single week. They deal with this every week. The point is that when you've got somebody that won't let you into an apartment, you probably should be, you know, allowed more [unintelligible] to fix the problem so we can get access.

MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Any other questions?

BZA MEMBER: I think one last question. Do we know the last time this apartment was sprayed?

MR. O'BRIEN: Do you know?
MS. HARTMAN: Unless I had the 52
records, I do not know, off the top of my head.

BZA MEMBER: But --
MS. HARTMAN: She never called, she never -- for anything.

MR. O'BRIEN: Was there a complaint made?

MS. HARTMAN: No.
MR. O'BRIEN: So, this is just Mr.
Brennan on his annual inspection
determining there was an issue?
MS. HARTMAN: Correct.
BZA MEMBER: So, when you do 18 every Friday, is it routine that every building will go in a set order or do those 18 only include complaints?

MS. HARTMAN: We'll do complaints and then we'll do vacants.

MR. O'BRIEN: But she -- but the tenant -- who's the tenant in 850 ?

MS. HARTMAN: Leena Cunningham I believe it is.

MR. O'BRIEN: Okay.
MS. HARTMAN: I can pull it up if you'd like to look --

MR. O'BRIEN: No, that's okay.
It's La -- La -- Linaria [phonetic] --
MS. HARTMAN: Linaria.
MR. O'BRIEN: -- Linaria
Cunningham. Yeah, Ms. Cunningham has been there how long?

MS. HARTMAN: Do you want me to pull it up?

MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah.
MS. HARTMAN: Okay. November
22nd, 2022 was her application. She moved in on December 15th of 2022.

MR. KOUDELA: All right. Any
other questions? Any other comments that you'd like to make?

MR. O'BRIEN: No, thank you.
MR. KOUDELA: So, on this vote, Ms. Landgraf, if you could just clarify, an approval on Case Number 24-1 would mean that we agree with Shoregate Towers, the property owner, correct?

MS. LANDGRAF: So, this is an appeal filed by Shoregate Towers, NS, and the other individuals listed. So, they're appealing, and Mr. O'Brien's asked a couple 54
things, first to either agree with the applicant that this was not appropriately applied to the situation, but I've also heard him ask for an extension of time.

So, did you want to -- did you want them to vote on both of those or --

MR. O'BRIEN: Yes, I would like to vote first to vote on whether or not they believe that -

MS. LANGRAF: It was a --
MR. O'BRIEN: -- five days is the maximum amount of time pursuant to this particular Codified Ordinance, and second of all, whether or not they're willing to grant an extension until the end of March to repair this problem.

MS. LANGRAF: Okay. So, first there would be a motion to grant the appeal of the stated appellants with regards to application of the Property Maintenance Code in which your vote would say we agree that it was appropriately applied, or a vote no would be, you don't believe that it was appropriately applied.

BZA MEMBER: Okay.

MS. LANGRAF: The second motion would be for an appeal on the basis of an extension of time. That's what you're asking for?

MR. O'BRIEN: Yes.
MS. LANGRAF: Okay.
MR. KOUDELA: And we could just use March 20th as --

MS. LANGRAF: That's what they're asking --

MR. KOUDELA: -- a date to throw out there, is that what you're asking for?

MR. O'BRIEN: I'm asking for the end of March because I can't guarantee that the -- you know, March 20th. I think in all likelihood this tenant will be ordered to vacate at least by March 14th, but I can't guarantee that. Sometimes court are required to -- generally they're required to order a move out 7 to 10 days after the date of the First Cause Hearing for a writ of restitution, but that doesn't mean they will, and that doesn't mean they won't also grant some kind of continuance so that hearing doesn't take place for another week
or two weeks, so I don't know that at this point in time, so I would say to be safe, I'm asking until the end of March.

MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Mr. O'Brien, can you please give me a date in the end of March.

MR. O'BRIEN: I said the end of March, so, March 31st.

MR. KOUDELA: 31st. Okay.
MR. O'BRIEN: Yes.
MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Would somebody would like to make a motion or, Ms. Langraf, would you like me to do it?

MS. LANGRAF: I'll give it a shot.
MR. KOUDELA: All right, Ms.
Langraf, thank you.
MS. LANGRAF: So, the first motion is going to be a motion to grant the appeal of Shoregate Towers NS, LLC, Lemma Getachew and Guenet Indale with regards to Property Maintenance Code violation dated January 24th, 2024, Apartment 850 in the East Building for a violation of Property Maintenance Code 309.1 on the basis of reasonableness for time for compliance,
okay?
So, that means the Appellant is requesting you to grant the appeal on the basis that they were not given sufficient time -- a reasonable amount of time to comply with the notice.

MR. YARLETTS: Okay. I second.
MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Second.
Thank you Mr. Yarletts.
MS. LANGRAF: So a vote yes, would be you agree with Shoregate Towers --

MR. KOUDELA: Okay.
MS. LANGRAF: -- a vote no would mean that the Violation Notice stands as issued.

MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Thank you.
Can I get a roll call, please.
MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Koudela?
MR. KOUDELA: No.
MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Flaisig?
MR. FLAISIG: No.
MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Yarletts?
MR. YARLETTS: Nay.
MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Hill?
MR. HILL: No.

MADAM SECRETARY: And Ms. Clarke?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. LANGRAF: The second motion is the motion to grant the appeal of Shoregate Towers NS, LLC, Lemma Getachew and Guenet Indale to the Willoughby Prop -- Willowick
Property Maintenance Code violation dated January 24th, 2024, Apartment 850 in the East Building for a violation of Property Maintenance Code 309.1 to grant an extension of time to March 31st, 2024 to comply with the stated notice.

MR. YARLETTS: I'll second.
MS. LANGRAF: A vote yes means you agree to the extension, a vote no means no extension.

MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Thank you.
Thank you for the second, Phil.
Can I get roll call, please.
MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Koudela?
MR. KOUDELA: No.
MS. LANGRAF: You need to have somebody make the motion. I am the Law Director, so, somebody makes the motion --

MR. KOUDELA: Okay.

MS. LANGRAF: -- and then somebody needs to second it.

MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Somebody make the first one. Do we need to go back to the first one?

MS. LANGRAF: Do you have a first and a second?

MADAM SECRETARY: Yes.
MR. KOUDELA: Okay. So, we need a
first for 24-1 motion one --
MS. LANGRAF: Correct.
MR. KOUDELA: -- correct?
BZA MEMBER: All right. You want
to do it, Phil?
MR. YARLETTS: Yeah, I'll do it.
Mr. Chairman --
MR. KOUDELA: Do they have to say
the entire thing or just --
MS. LANGRAF: You might as well
since we don't have a first, yes.
MR. KOUDELA: Okay. All right.
MR. YARLETTS: Mr. Chairman, I'd
like to make a motion in Case 24-1
Shoregate Towers of 30901 Lakeshore
Boulevard, that we grant an appeal for the
maintenance violation -- no, that's not what --

MS. LANGRAF: Dated.
MR. YARLETTS: The maintenance
violation dated 1/24/2024 for Apartment 850, Codified Ordinance 1332.05 to 1367.01.

MS. LANGRAF: So that's a grant of the appeal on the basis of reasonableness for compliance.

MR. KOUDELA: Yes.
MS. LANGRAF: So, same applies. A
vote yes that you agree with the applicant.
A vote no is the maintenance violation stands as this.

MR. KOUDELA: Okay.
MR. FLAISIG: I will second.
MR. KOUDELA: Second. Thank you, Tom.

Can I get roll call please, again.
MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Koudela?
MR. KOUDELA: No.
MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Flaisig?
MR. FLAISIG: No.
MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Yarletts?
MR. YARLETTS: No.

MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Hill?
MR. HILL: No.
MADAM SECRETARY: And Ms. Clarke? MS. CLARKE: No.

MS. LANGRAF: Now we need a motion
to grant --
MR. KOUDELA: Can I get a motion
for the Case 24-1, the second for the extension of time to the 31st?

MR. YARLETTS: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion in Case 24-1
Shoregate Towers of 30901 Lakeshore
Boulevard that we grant the appeal for an
extension of time to take care of
maintenance violations dated $1 / 24 / 2024$ in Apartment 850.

MS. LANGRAF: Until March --
MR. YARLETTS: Until March 31st, 2024.

MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Can I get a second?

MR. HILL: I second.
MR. KOUDELA: Mr. Hill, thank you.
Roll call.
MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Koudela? 62
MR. KOUDELA: No.
MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Flaisig?
MR. FLAISIG: No.
MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Yarletts?
MR. YARLETTS: No.
MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Hill?
MR. HILL: No.
MADAM SECRETARY: And Ms. Clarke?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Mr. O'Brien
Case Number 24-1 will go in front of City Council at the next meeting as a recommendation for not to approve the appeals or the extension to March 31st, okay?

MR. O'BRIEN: Okay.
MR. KOUDELA: So, this brings us
to Case Number 24-2. This is an appeal for property 1250 also in the East Building.

If you could please go over -- you know, that -- that appeal as well and what you're hoping to gain for that.

MR. O'BRIEN: Yes. So attached to our Notice of Appeal, which again is time stamped January 26th, 2024, Exhibit A,

There's a property maintenance notice dated January 23rd, 2024, which cites three property maintenance violations with respect to, I believe Unit 1250 in the property.

And I'm going to go in backwards order here. The first has to do with roof maintenance or damage. It says property maintenance under Section 304.7 of the Code. The roof and flashing shall be sound, tight, and not have any defects that admit rain. Roof drainage shall be adequate to prevent dampness or deterioration of walls or interior portion of the structure. Gutters and downspouts shall be maintained in good repair and free of obstructions.

The violation order or the order of corrections cited states that repair or replace roofing materials above Apartment 1250, east master bedroom compliance stage two weeks later on February 6th, 2024.

Above that, Section 305.3 of the Code of property maintenance, all structures, which are all -- all interior
surfaces, including windows and doors, shall be maintained in good, clean and sanitary condition. Peeling paint, cracked or loose plaster, decayed wood, and other defective surfaces or conditions shall be corrected.

The maintenance order states replace all water damaged drywall and ceilings and walls in Apartment 1250 east master bedroom. Compliance date again is February 6th, 2024.

Finally, Section 605.1, property maintenance. All electrical equipment, wiring and appliances shall be properly installed and maintained in a safe and approved manner.

And the Property Violation Notice says missing electrical faceplate on master bedroom wall receptacle in Apartment 1250 East -- I guess it means replace that -- as of a compliance date of February 6th, 2024.

Was that done, the receptacle?
MS. HARTMAN: I -- I don't know.
MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. So, with respect to the -- for the last of the
three, fixing the roof and flashing, again, we would submit that under Section No. 7 of the Code that's requiring repair of the roof above, the top floor of the building, in the wintertime at the Shoregate Towers and requiring that to be done within two weeks is unreasonable, so we would ask again, that this Board find that that timeframe is unreasonable under the circumstances.

Also, with respect to the second violation, that since you can't fix the drywall problems until the roof has been fixed, that that's also an unreasonable timeframe. And again, we would ask for an extension of time to fix those two issues.
I don't know whether or not the faceplate on the one receptacle in Apartment 1250 that's been replaced around at this point in time, but that is a di minimis issue, which quite frankly is beyond the scope of the Property Maintenance Code.

So, we're talking about electrical systems. We talking about one plastic faceplate that may or may not be required
to be replaced. Our contention will be that that is not contemplated by the Code and that should be disregarded entirely.

So, my client has contracted with a company to fix the roof above Apartment 1250, but they're not able to do so at this point in time because of weather issues.

We do have -- and we're going to mark this as Exhibit A for the Board, and I've got more copies, but my client has contracted with Turn Key Property Solutions. We have a invoice dated February 5th, 2024 when the repairs of the roof will be made, but to this point in time, those repairs have not been made because they have not been able to because of the weather concerns to get up there and fix the problems.

So, my client will do so, and I believe Step -- and I believe Stephanie, they're going to be out when?

MS. HARTMAN: Monday morning.
MR. O'BRIEN: Monday morning, weather prevailing, right?

MS. HARTMAN: Yes.

MR. O'BRIEN: Okay.
Have not been able to do so at this point in time, correct?

MS. HARTMAN: Correct. Due to the chemicals that they use to fix the roof, it has to be a certain temperature.

MR. O'BRIEN: And it's been too cold so far to be able to fix the problem.

So, they can't do it if it's too cold?

MS. HARTMAN: Rain, snow, and the chemical [unintelligible] --

BZA MEMBER: Okay.
MR. YARLETTS: So, Mr. O'Brien, quick question.

MR. O'BRIEN: Yes.
MR. YARLETTS: Has there been any attempt as to a temporary fix, tarp put over? I mean, if I was living in Apartment 1250, I don't --

MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah.
MR. YARLETTS: -- wouldn't
appreciate water coming in.
MR. O'BRIEN: Do you know how -do you know what the extent of the problem 68
is?
MS. HARTMAN: I do not know the extent of it.

MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. I believe Mr. Brennan has pictures. They are, I believe small holes in plaster in the ceiling, they're not -- I don't believe water is, you know, running through in channels like a river into the apartment. I think it's a small issue.

And for the record, my client is more than happy to allow tenants to move.

MS. HARTMAN: I did offer them the chance to move and they denied that.

MR. O'BRIEN: So yeah, prop -people, I mean the 12th floor is a nice place because there's nice views --

FEMALE SPEAKER: [Unintelligible].
MR. O'BRIEN: -- yeah, so, a lot of people like it. If they -- if people want to move or if they want to, you know, get a different apartment because of the problem, Shoregate Towers company allows that, but if they don't want to leave because they don't think it's that big of a
problem and it's going to be fixed, you know, they allow you to stay.

But the point here, again -- and I don't want to belabor the issue, but the point is that when you have wintertime in Cleveland, Ohio, you know, you can't expect a -- first of all, my client to be able to get a roofing company and then be able to go upstairs, get on top of a building, and fix it when it's cold outside. So, we just ask once again that the Board allow additional time or state that the two weeks that were permitted are unreasonable under the Code to allow such repair, but there has been a contract that has been established for the company and as soon as weather permits, they'll be up there fixing this roof to make sure that there are no more leaks in this apartment, and once that is done, all the drywall will be repaired immediately.

Do you have anything you want to say?

MS. HARTMAN: I do. So, the only reason why they even called the City for an
inspection was they never called me and told me that the leak was there or anything because they owe me over $\$ 6,000$. So, when someone owes me that much money, they avoid me. They don't want to see me in the parking lot. So, they do everything to stay away from me. So, the only reason why they -- they called was because I put a Three Day Notice. So --

MR. O'BRIEN: Who is the tenant?
MS. HARTMAN: Jessica Burton and Mandale Thurman.

MR. O'BREIN: Okay. They're being evicted too, correct?

MS. HARTMAN: Correct.
MR. O'BRIEN: I'm not sure if we've gotten the date back on that one, but --

MS. HARTMAN: They called the day that I put the Three Day Notice on.

MR. O'BRIEN: But I don't think they -- they're not on the 23 rd . I'm sure we got -- we have one eviction date on the 23rd of the court, we have another on the fourth, and I haven't finished --

MS. HARTMAN: I haven't even --
MR. O'BRIEN: I haven't finished
looking at the ones that I got from the court date, they sent me emails, so I haven't got all the emails for the fourth yet. I anticipate that eviction will take place on the fourth.

MR. KOUDELA: All right. Any questions?

BZA MEMBER: I have a number of them. So, Sean, you entered the building on $1 / 23$; is that correct?

MR. BRENNAN: Mr. Chairman?
MR. KOUDELA: Yes, Mr. Brennan.
MR. BRENNAN: Actually, I do have some paperwork in regards to that from a Tenant Complaint Form and I do have some better pictures, so --

MR. KOUDELA: I would like to see those, please.

MR. BRENNAN: Yeah. If you could just pass those down there.

MR. KOUDELA: Thank you.
MR. BRENNAN: If you have an extra one we'll give it to...

So, I received a complaint from the tenant on $1 / 23$. This is his complaint form that he filled out to me. I think it is reasonable time on there for these repairs to be done.

If you read his complaint, it's
been the second time. And after I did go to this apartment, I kind of remember Mr. Thurman in the elevator with myself and Justin Clay. This was back, I want to say it's either in August or September of last year. I believe Mr. O'Brien was in there too, in the elevator, and he showed us some pictures of his apartment.

So, this is the same apartment. And you'll see in those pictures there that I did take those better pictures toward there -- it's toward the end I put them in color. There was a lot of leaks. You can see that the bedroom ceiling drywall, obviously there was water when we went in there and made that inspection. On the carpet, you can see on the walls -- you've got some black stuff going on in the walls in the corner of the bedroom.

Same thing, you can see where waters coming in on these -- on the bedroom walls.

It's a couple areas, a few areas throughout that rear bedroom, and also electrical cover plate that is missing on that receptacle. It is a safety hazard.

BZA MEMBER: So, the complaint date is $1 / 23$, which I think was a Tuesday. So is that the -- is that the day that -so the date of the complaint was the date that the notice was filed, so that was the date -- I'm sorry, that was the day you did or did not enter?

MR. BRENNAN: It was on 1/23 -BZA MEMBER: Okay.
MR. BRENNAN: -- I entered that apartment. I also wrote the notice on 1/23.

BZA MEMBER: Okay.
MR. KOUDELA: All right. Mr.
Brennan -- I'm sorry.
BZA MEMBER: No, go ahead.
MR. KOUDELA: The drywall repair -- I'm referring to the picture of

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the electrical outlet --
MR. BRENNAN: Yeah.
MR. KOUDELA: -- the vertical repair, is that near the water damage? And whereabouts is that in correlation to the drywall work that needed to be done and the water damage; do you remember?

MR. BRENNAN: This area's all over, you know, the wall in there.

MR. KOUDELA: Okay.
MR. BRENNAN: The one with the electrical I want to say probably the third picture back was kind of like in that area there.

MR. KOUDELA: Okay. BZA MEMBER: So, notice date was
$1 / 23$. And what was the first date that someone was called to come look at the roof?

MR. O'BRIEN: Do you know?
MS. HARTMAN: I do not know.
MR. O'BRIEN: Okay.
BZA MEMBER: So --
MR. O'BRIEN: Did Mr. Brennan give you this to see -- did he give you this
personally?
MS. HARTMAN: He did.
MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. And that was on the 23rd?

MS. HARTMAN: Correct.
MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. Did he give you these pictures as well on that date?

MS. HARTMAN: Correct.
MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. And when did you -- did you have Justin go upstairs and look at this?

MS. HARTMAN: Immediately.
MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. And why did you hire the roofing company?

MS. HARTMAN: To fix the issues.
MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. Typically, how long does it take to hire a roofing company to fix issues like that?

MS. HARTMAN: It really depends because they -- a lot of roofing companies will not take on such a small job because it's not that big of a job, so they don't want to take on such a small job on a 12 story apartment community in the winter. BZA MEMBER: Okay. So again, we
don't know when you first called?
MS. HARTMAN: I do not know.
BZA MEMBER: Okay. How many companies did you call before you settled on Turn Key?

MS. HARTMAN: It actually wasn't me that called, it was Alexis.

BZA MEMBER: Who's Alexis?
MR. O'BRIEN: Alexis Lyons is the regional manager that oversees not only this property, but other properties that are affiliated with Shortgate Towers. The companies that are involved here are Shoregate Towers, they have a complex called Addis View, which is a brand new apartment complex in the City of Cleveland at East 90th and Chester. They also own a company called -- I mean an apartment complex called Midtown Building, which is a recently rehabilitated building that was gutted and rehabbed at 3101 Euclid Avenue. They also own properties -- they have a property that's about to be rehabbed -gutted and rehabbed on Lakeshore Boulevard in the City of Cleveland near Bratenahl,
but Alexis oversees sort of all of those endeavors.

BZA MEMBER: So, Alexis hired Turn Key?

MS. HARTMAN: Correct.
BZA MEMBER: We don't know when Alexis contacted them?

MS. HARTMAN: I do not.
BZA MEMBER: We don't know who else Alexis contacted?

MS. HARTMAN: I do not.
BZA MEMBER: So we don't know if we asked any roofing companies for temporary repairs and a contract to complete repairs or anything like that?

MS. HARTMAN: I do not.
BZA MEMBER: In my experience, most roofing companies will come and either temporary patch or tarp, as Mr. Yarletts said, in anticipation of doing the work.

We talked about weather, I know we've had quite a stretch of better weather. So, are we looking for better weather than we've had these last two weeks?

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MS. HARTMAN: I only know what I know, and this is all I've know because Alexis has been dealing with the roofing of this apartment.

BZA MEMBER: And no one has gone into the apartment to -- I understand that it's still leaking, but there are preventative measures we can take inside, cut out mold, put a trap that will come from the ceiling, plastic trap down into a bucket, anything to eliminate? So, no attempt has been made to remediate any mold, mildew, falling paint, all of the things that are pictured in Mr. Brennan's pictures?

MS. HARTMAN: Again, Alexis has been dealing with that part of the apartment, so...

BZA MEMBER: So, we don't have any
information on any attempts of anything that we have done to remediate the situation other than we know that Turn Key has an invoice dated nine days ago to do the work.

MS. HARTMAN: That's just as much
as I know.
BZA MEMBER: Okay.
MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Any other questions?

Okay. So, Mr. O'Brien, what are you asking for? How many days? Do you want to put a date on it? Like the last one?

MR. O'BRIEN: What --
MR. KOUDELA: Sure, go ahead.
MR. O'BRIEN: -- we're doing is we can put the same date on it. It's February in Cleveland, Ohio, I believe we are coming up on a stretch of cold weather right now. As it is snowing today, and I believe it's supposed to be below freezing coming up this weekend, I would anticipate though, even the weather in Cleveland, there should be a day in the next -- in the next let's say four weeks that this should be able to be fixed.

So, I would ask for an extension to the middle of March; let's say March 15th to complete this repair.

BZA MEMBER: And again, so I'm
sorry, I want to confirm you are asking for an extension until March 31st with no attempt to temporary repairs in the meantime?

MR. O'BRIEN: They will -- they will do whatever -- I think we can have -we can have Justin or another crew go up there and take a look inside the apartment. Again, it's not my understanding that this is water pouring into the unit, these are --

BZA MEMBER: Right.
MR. O'BRIEN: We can go up there and see what can be done, we can offer to have these tenants relocated or --

BZA MEMBER: A reasonable time to relocate someone for roofing repair that is -- I mean, based on these pictures, it's not recent, right? This is not a recent issue that we would want to move someone for --

MR. O'BRIEN: And it's not an issue that my client had any knowledge of until Mr. Brennan filed this Violation Notice at the end of January.

MR. KOUDELA: Mr. -- sorry.
BZA MEMBER: No, I'm good. I'm good.

MR. KOUDELA: Mr. Brennan, you, you mentioned August in an elevator?

MR. BRENNAN: Yes.
MR. KOUDELA: What was that in regards to? Was that the initial complaint that you heard about this event?

MR. BRENNAN: Yes, from the tenant.

MR. KOUDELA: Okay. So, that was the initial complaint, and, to the best of your knowledge, Shoregate Towers knew about the leaking and the issues in Unit 1250?

MR. BRENNAN: Correct.
MR. KOUDELA: Okay.
MR. O'BRIEN: You said I was present?

MR. BRENNAN: Yes, you were.
MR. O'BRIEN: I don't recall the
conversation, but that's okay --
MR. BRENNAN: Nope --
MR. O'BRIEN: -- I've got other things on my mind --

MR. BRENNAN: -- no, that's okay.
MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah.
MR. BRENNAN: It was the day that we were doing --

MR. O'BRIEN: I remember being there with you.

MR. BRENNAN: What's that?
MR. O'BRIEN: I remember being
there with you and Justin --
MR. BRENNAN: Yes, in the elevator.

MR. O'BRIEN: -- but I don't recall -- I don't recall anybody saying that they had a problem with the ceiling in their unit.

MR. BRENNAN: Danny pulled out his phone and showed you pictures.

MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. Yeah.
BZA MEMBER: Okay.
MR. O'BRIEN: It's not the only
time I [unintelligible] people.
MS. LANGRAF: Mr. Hill.
MR. HILL: Was there any attempt
last week -- you said you were waiting for
a nice day in the winter. Was there any
attempt to get them to come out on either of the 55 degree days last week so they could come out?

MS. HARTMAN: So, the gentleman's name is Jesse that works for the company and he came out and he checked to -- like, the spots to see, obviously, so he can give us the grand total of what it would be.
So, that's when he gave us this and said what day he would be able to come out.

MR. HILL: And he didn't cover it? I mean, you guys were hiring him, I guess, so, he didn't try covering it, trying to --

MS. HARTMAN: That's as far as I know, I am so sorry.

MR. HILL: -- secure the area.
MR. KOUDELA: But he was able to gain access to the roof?

MS. HARTMAN: Justin gave him access to the roof.

MR. KOUDELA: So, Justin can gain
access to that one?
MS. HARTMAN: I don't know if he went in the unit, I just know that he was able to go up to the roof.

MR. KOUDELA: Okay.
MR. O'BRIEN: You don't know if he's a salesman or a repairman, do you?

MS. HARTMAN: Jesse?
MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah.
MS. HARTMAN: He is a repairman.
MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. All right.
MR. KOUDELA: Anything else?
Okay. So Ms. Langraf, is this the same --

MS. LANGRAF: Hold on a second. Do you have anything else to add?

MR. O'BRIEN: No. I said my -essentially my same arguments would be the same for the two motions.

MS. LANGRAF: Okay. So, you are asking for a general appeal of all of the cited violations, right?

MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah. So, the first motion would be that -- that all the -- the violation notices are --

MS. LANGRAF: Just a general appeal that --

MR. O'BRIEN: -- a general appeal saying that they are not consistent with
the Code -
MS. LANGRAF: Okay.
MR. O'BRIEN: -- and therefore they should be disregarded by this Board -MS. LANGRAF: And then the --
MR. O'BRIEN: -- there should be an additional amount of time to make the repairs until March 15th, because the amount of time on the circumstances is unreasonable. So, we're asking for March 15th to complete these repairs, fix everything within his suite.

MS. LANGRAF: Okay.
MR. KOUDELA: And actually, Ms. Langraf, did Mr. O'Brien, I thought you said that number one, the missing electrical outlet wasn't a big deal --

MR. O'BRIEN: I believe that's the --

MR. KOUDELA: You weren't here for that, that was your first statement.

MR. O'BRIEN: I believe that was a maintenance issue, but that's covered in the first part of the [unintelligible].

MS. LANGRAF: It would be covered 86
in the extension as well, is that what you're asking for as well?

MR. O'BRIEN: It can be fixed tomorrow. I mean, if it's not -- it'll be fixed.

MS. LANGRAF: All right. So, it's going to be a general appeal of all of the Property Maintenance Code violations referenced in January 21st, 2024 citation, so, you'll vote on that.

And then the second motion would be for an appeal on the Applicant's request for an extension of time.

MR. KOUDELA: To March 15th, correct?

MS. LANGRAF: To March 15th to repair the stated violations.

BZA MEMBER: Is this going to be five motions?

MS. LANGRAF: Two motions.
BZA MEMBER: One motion for general appeal of all three --

MS. LANGRAF: Just -- one second.
It's one Property Maintenance Notice, and the first is going to be an appeal just
generally that -- that the Applicant
believes the Property Maintenance Code is
not appropriately applied and there's a violation, and then secondly, that they want to extension of time.

BZA MEMBER: Got it.
MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Would
somebody like to make a motion in Case Number 24-2?

BZA MEMBER: Mr. Chairman? I'd like to make a motion in Case 24-2. This is Shoregate Towers, NS, LLC, Lemma Getachew and Guenet Indale 30901 Lakeshore Boulevard, seeking to grant an appeal of again the aforementioned, Shoregate Towers NS, LLC, Lemma Getachew and Guenet Indale, for the violation dated $1 / 23 / 24$ in Apartment 1250 of the East Building according to Property Code 605.1, 305.3, and 304.7.

MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Thank you. Can I get a second, please?

MS. CLARKE: I second.
MR. KOUDELA: Ms. Clark, thank you.

Roll call?
MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Koudela?
MR. KOUDELA: No.
MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Flaisig?
MR. FLAISIG: No.
MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Yarletts?
MR. YARLETTS: No.
MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Hill?
MR. HILL: No.
MADAM SECRETARY: Ms. Clarke? MS. CLARKE: No.
MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Can I get a -- does someone want to make a motion for the second extension of March 15th, please? BZA MEMBER: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion in Case 24-2 Shoregate Towers NS, LLC, Lemma Getachew and Guenet Indale at 30901 Lakeshore Boulevard, seeking an -- seeking to grant an appeal of, again, Shoregate Towers, NS, LLC, Lemma Getachew and Guenet Indale to the violation dated $1 / 23 / 24$. This is for Apartment 1250 East Building with Property Management Code 605.1, 305.3, 304.7, seeking to extend the compliance date to

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| 1 | March 15th of 2024. | 1 | BZA MEMBER: No. |
| 2 | MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Thank you. | 2 | MR. KOUDELA: Any new business? |
| 3 | Can I get a second? | 3 | All right. Someone want to make a |
| 4 | MR. YARLETTS: I'll second. | 4 | motion to adjourn? |
| 5 | MR. KOUDELA: Thank you, Mr. | 5 | MR. YARLETTS: Mr. Chairman, I'd |
| 6 | Yarletts. | 6 | like to make a motion to adjourn. |
| 7 | And roll call. | 7 | MR. KOUDELA: Can I get a second? |
| 8 | MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Koudela? | 8 | MR. HILL: Second. |
| 9 | MR. KOUDELA: No. | 9 | MR. KOUDELA: Thank you, Mr. Hill. |
| 10 | MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Flaisig? | 10 | Roll call. |
| 11 | MR. FLAISIG: No. | 11 | MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Koudela? |
| 12 | MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Yarletts? | 12 | MR. KOUDELA: Aye. |
| 13 | MR. YARLETTS: No. | 13 | MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Flaisig? |
| 14 | MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Hill? | 14 | MR. FLAISIG: Aye. |
| 15 | MR. HILL: No. | 15 | MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Yarletts? |
| 16 | MADAM SECRETARY: Ms. Clarke? | 16 | MR. YARLETTS: Aye. |
| 17 | MS. CLARKE: No. | 17 | MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Hill? |
| 18 | MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Mr. O'Brien | 18 | MR. HILL: Aye. |
| 19 | Board of Zoning Appeals is going to | 19 | MADAM SECRETARY: Ms. Clarke? |
| 20 | recommend that at the next council meeting | 20 | MS. CLARKE: Aye. |
| 21 | to deny both of your appeals for 24-2. | 21 | MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Meeting |
| 22 | MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. | 22 | adjourned at 8:46. Thank you. |
| 23 | MR. KOUDELA: I'd recommend you go | 23 |  |
| 24 | that council meeting as well, all right? | 24 |  |
| 25 | MR. O'BRIEN: And we -- we'll get | 25 |  |
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| 1 | notice of this today? | 1 |  |
| 2 | MS. LANGRAF: A written notice of | 2 |  |
| 3 | the meeting? | 3 | CERTIFICATE |
|  | MR O'BRIEN: Of this -- of a | 4 |  |
| 4 | MR. O'BRIEN: Of this -- of a | 5 | I, Brian Kuebler, a Notary Public within |
| 5 | written notice of the Board | 6 | and for the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that |
| 6 | MS. LANGRAF: A what? | 7 | I attended the foregoing meeting in its entirety, |
| 7 | MR. O'BRIEN: We'll receive a | 8 | that I wrote the same in stenotypy, and that this |
| 8 | written notice of this Board. | 9 | is a true and correct transcript of my |
| 9 | MS. LANGRAF: A written notice of | 10 | computer-aided notes. |
| 10 | this Board of what? | 11 | IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my |
| 11 | MR. O'BRIEN: About the issues of | 12 | hand and seal of office, at Cleveland, Ohio, this |
| 12 | [unintelligible]. | 13 | 11 day of MARCH A.D. 2024. |
| 13 | MS LANGRAF. He's going to type | 14 |  |
| 13 | MS. LANGRAF: He's going to type | 15 |  |
| 14 | them up. | 16 | Brian Kuebler - Electronic Signature |
| 15 | MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah. And it'll be |  |  |
| 16 | mailed to me? | 17 |  |
| 17 | MS. LANGRAF: Sure. |  | Brian Kuebler, Notary Public, State of Ohio |
| 18 | MR. O'BRIEN: Or emailed to me? | 18 | My commission expires June 12, 2027 |
| 19 | MS. LANGRAF: Sure. |  |  |
| 20 | MR. O'BRIEN: Thanks. All right. | 19 |  |
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| 21 | Thank you. | 21 |  |
| 22 | MR. KOUDELA: All right. Thank | 22 |  |
| 23 | you. | 23 |  |
| 24 | Okay. Any old business we need to | 24 |  |
| 25 | discuss? | 25 |  |



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