



**CITY OF NORTH PORT  
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Code Enforcement Division  
4970 City Hall Boulevard - North Port, FL 34286**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION  
AND  
ORDER OF CORRECT**

JAMES PATTEN  
JAMES CHRISTOPHER GEARHART  
7811 TAPLIN AVE  
NORTH PORT, FL 34291-5383

**DATE:** May 27, 2025

CASE NO.: CECASE-25-01004  
REAL PROPERTY ADDRESS: 7811 Taplin Ave, North Port, FL 34291  
LOT 10 BLK 1347 26TH ADD TO PO  
PARCEL ID: 0950134710  
SERVED BY: FIRST CLASS MAIL

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Pursuant to the CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a violation exists on the above-described real property:

**Violation Description**

42-23 NPCC - Accumulation of Debris - It shall be unlawful for any owner of any lot to accumulate or permit the accumulation of including, but not limited to, unusable household items, trash, lumber or any other building materials or equipment for which immediate use cannot be established, tires, parts of vehicles or any other items which create a fire and/or health hazard or creates an unnatural breeding place for snakes, rats, mosquitoes or any vermin, emit noxious odors, or other unsanitary or unsafe conditions and in general appearance and condition, creates a slum appearance which tends to have a decreasing value effect on the neighboring property and premises.

**Violation Text**

Flatbed trailer on the side of residence loaded with household appliances. Wood debris and blue tank accumulated in the right of way in the front of residence. Debris accumulated in the front entrance of residence consisting of misc. household items.

**Violation Corrective Action(s)**

Remove, or cause to be removed, any and all debris on said property within ten (10) days from the date of this Notice.

**FINES SHALL BE ASSESSED:**

FAILURE TO CORRECT THE DEFICIENCIES on the date specified above will result in an AFFIDAVIT OF VIOLATION to be filed with the Hearing Officer, charging you with the violation(s) set out above. A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT WHICH YOU SHALL ATTEND. If the Hearing Officer finds a violation exists, administrative fine(s) shall be assessed for each day the violation exists beyond the date for compliance as determined by the Hearing Officer.

***The fines which may be imposed include:***

Violation of North Port City Code:	Daily Fine Shall Not Exceed - \$10.00 per day Maximum Cumulative Fine - \$1,000.00
Violation of Unified Land Development Code:	Daily Fine Shall Not Exceed - \$25.00 per day Maximum Cumulative Fine - \$2,000.00
Violation of Florida Building Code:	Daily Fine Shall Not Exceed - \$50.00 per day Maximum Cumulative Fine - \$5,000.00
Violation of Florida Building Code as it pertains to unsafe building abatement as determined by the Building Official:	Daily Fine Shall Not Exceed - \$250.00 per day There Is No Maximum Cumulative Fine Cap
For any repeat Violations:	Maximum Cumulative Fine \$25,000.00

A fine imposed pursuant to this section shall continue to accrue until the violator comes into compliance, and such compliance is confirmed in accordance with §2-511(C), or until the Maximum Cumulative Fine has been reach, as defined in §2-511(b)(5).

**LIEN(S) MAY BE PLACED:**

A certified copy of an order assessing an administrative fine may be recorded in the public records and thereafter shall constitute a lien against the land on which the violation exists and upon any other real or personal property owned by the violator. No lien shall continue for a period longer than 20 years after the certified copy of an order imposing a fine has been recorded, unless within that time an action to foreclose on the lien is commenced in a court of competent jurisdiction.

***If you have any questions concerning this notice or to schedule a reinspection, please contact the following inspector:***

Joshua Presson  
Inspector  
Neighborhood Development Services  
e-mail: [jpresson@northportfl.gov](mailto:jpresson@northportfl.gov)