



CITY OF NORTH PORT
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
4970 City Hall Boulevard – North Port, FL. 34286

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

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Petitioner,

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vs.

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STERN CRAIG W (TTEE), STERN LISA M
(TTEE), STERN FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST

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Respondent(s)

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CASE NO.: CECASE-25-01151

ADDRESS OF VIOLATION:

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3048 MASUKO AVE NORTH PORT, FL, 34288-4288 }

Parcel ID.: 1121244521

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STATE OF FLORIDA

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COUNTY OF SARASOTA

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The undersigned, CODE ENFORCEMENT INSPECTOR, upon his/her oath, deposes and says:

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

On 08/07/2025 the Respondent(s) was served with a NOTICE OF MANDATORY HEARING Notice of Violation by posting said Notice at 3048 MASUKO AVE NORTH PORT, FL, 34288-4288, a copy of which is attached.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

DATED: 09/11/2025

Anthony F. Brehon

Tony Brehon, Affiant
Development Services

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 11th day of 09/11/2025 by Tony Brehon

Trysta Lynn Casell

Notary public - State of Florida

X Personally Known OR ___ Produced Identification
Type of Identification Produced _____





CITY OF NORTH PORT
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
4970 City Hall Boulevard North Port, FL 34286

CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

Petitioner,

vs.

CRAIG W STERN

STERN FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST

5754 HYDRANGEA CIR

SARASOTA, FL 34238-5150

Respondent(s)

ADDRESS OF VIOLATION:

3048 Masuko Ave

North Port, FL 34288

PARCEL ID.: 1121244521

CASE NO.: CECASE-25-01151

CERTIFIED MAIL NO.: 06/25/2025

NOTICE OF MANDATORY HEARING

Pursuant to the attached Notice of Violation dated 06/20/2025, ***YOU ARE HEREBY FORMALLY NOTIFIED*** that at ***9:00 a.m.***, or as soon thereafter as possible, on September 24, 2025, in City Chambers, City Hall, ***4970 City Hall Boulevard, North Port, Florida***, there will be a public hearing to determine whether or not you have violated certain CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA CODES/ORDINANCES with regard to the CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA. A Notice of Violation, dated 6/20/2025, was previously served by REGULAR MAIL.

The attached Notice of Violation specifying the Code Provisions violated and the facts and circumstances of the CODE VIOLATION have been filed with the CITY OF NORTH PORT, CITY CLERK.

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the HEARING OFFICER of the CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA on September 24, 2025, to present your case with regard to the violation stated in the attached AFFIDAVIT OF VIOLATION.

In exercising their power under CHAPTER 162, FLORIDA STATUTES, and CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IX, CODE ENFORCEMENT, CITY OF NORTH PORT finds a violation exists, it shall:

- (a) Order the violator to pay administrative fine in amount consistent with Section 2-511, Code of the City of North Port, for each day the violation(s) exists beyond the date set for compliance by the HEARING OFFICER. If the violation(s) is a repeat violation occurring within the last five (5) years, administrative fine(s) may be imposed, for each day the repeat violation continues, beginning with the date the repeat violation is found to have occurred by the Code Enforcement Inspector;
- (b) Order the violator to pay a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00, \$2,000.00, \$5,000.00, or \$25,000 per violation, dependent upon the violation, if the violation was irreparable or irreversible in nature. If it pertains to unsafe abatement as determined by the building Official. There is no maximum fine cap defined in 2-511(b)(1)(d); and
- (c) Issue orders having the force of law to command whatever steps necessary to bring the violation(s) into compliance.

CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 162.09(1) FLORIDA STATUTES, NO OTHER HEARING SHALL BE NECESSARY FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE ORDER ASSESSING THE ADMINISTRATIVE FINE(S).

In the event that the violator does not pay the administrative fine(s) (if any) prescribed by the CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA HEARING OFFICER at the hearing, the CITY OF NORTH PORT may establish a lien against the violator's property on which the violation(s) exists and upon any other real or personal property owned by the violator in accordance with Section 162.09(3), Florida Statutes and Section 2, CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA. Should it become necessary for the CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA to foreclose on such a lien, the RESPONDENT(S) could be liable for additional expenses including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney fees, costs, and expenses incurred by the CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA or its agents and the same may be assessed as cost in the foreclosure action.

Although you may represent yourself, you have the right to an attorney at your own expense to represent you before the HEARING OFFICER. You have the right to record the proceedings of the hearing at your own expense. You also will have the opportunity to present witnesses as well as question the witnesses who may testify against you prior to the HEARING OFFICER making a determination. Please be prepared to present evidence at the hearing why you should not be found in violation of the Code Provision cited in the attached AFFIDAVIT OF VIOLATION and, in the case of a repeat violation, why an administrative fine(s) shall not be assessed.

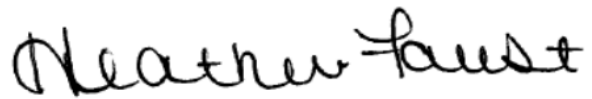
A copy of the ORDER FOR COMPLIANCE and ORDER ASSESSING ADMINISTRATIVE FINE(S) shall be provided to you by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, within fifteen (15) days following the date the orders are rendered.

THE CITY OF NORTH PORT MAY PROCEED IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY PARTY, THEIR AGENT, OR THEIR ATTORNEY, WHO AFTER DUE NOTICE, FAILS TO BE PRESENT AT THE HEARING.

If you should have any questions or ***compliance has been achieved***, please contact the Code Enforcement Inspector whose name appears on the attached Notice of Violation, at **(941) 429-7186**, or write to them at 4970 City Hall Boulevard, North Port, FL 34286.

<http://www.northportfl.gov>

PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.

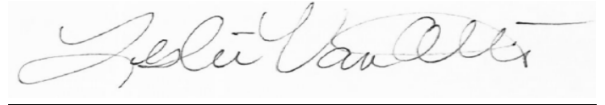


Heather Faust
City Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the ORDER ASSESSING ADMINISTRATIVE FINE has been furnished to Respondent(s) by **Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested**, at 5754 HYDRANGEA CIR , SARASOTA, FL 34238-5150.

DATED: June 25th, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leslie Vanatti", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Leslie Vanatti – CITY OF NORTH PORT



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SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
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Petitioner,

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Respondent(s)

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North Port, FL 34288

PARCEL ID.: 1121244521

CASE NO.: CECASE-25-01151

AFFIDAVIT OF VIOLATION

STATE OF FLORIDA

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: ss

OF SARASOTA

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The undersigned CODE ENFORCEMENT INSPECTOR, upon his/her oath, deposes and says:

Respondent(s) has been served with a Notice of Violation and Order to Correct Violation, dated 6/20/2025, by first class mail, a copy of which is attached.

(1) The following complaint was received in the Code Enforcement Division:

Prohibited parking - Right-of-way. No light or heavy duty vehicle shall be parked on the public right-of-way.

(2) The following Ordinance Provision(s) Violation still exists:

Violation Description

59-1 (b)(1) NPCC, Prohibited parking - Right-of-way. No light or heavy duty vehicle shall be parked on the public right-of-way except during a short-term delivery, pick-up, or service activity, provided that: a. The vehicle is parked in the direction of traffic; b. The vehicle does not obstruct a sidewalk or create a hazard due to blocking visibility of traffic and/or pedestrians; c. The vehicle can be parked and moved without causing damage to the public right-of-way; and d. The parked vehicle does not block the view of a principal structure's front door or address numbers.

Violation Text

Prohibited parking - Right-of-way. No light or heavy duty vehicle shall be parked on the public right-of-way.

Violation Corrective Action(s)

Vehicle(s) must be removed from the public right-of-way immediately. * Public right-of-way. The lands covered or dedicated to the public for use as a public street, alley, walkway, drainage facility, along with associated infrastructure, and/or facilities designed for other public purposes, including but not limited to street pavement, sidewalks, walkways, multipurpose/multiuse paths, drainage inlets and structures, swales, and unimproved areas within the platted public right-of-way.

(3) Field Inspection Notes:

Prohibited parking - Right-of-way. No light or heavy duty vehicle shall be parked on the public right-of-way.,Still in violation.

DATED: 6/20/2025



Louis Cerbone
Inspector
Neighborhood Development Services
City of North Port,
4970 City Hall Boulevard
North Port, Florida 34286

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 25 day of JUNE 2025, by Louis Cerbone.



Leslie Vanatti - *Notary Public - State of Florida*



X Personally Known OR ___ Produced Identification
Type of Identification Produced _____



**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**

CRAIG W STERN
5754 HYDRANGEA CIR
SARASOTA, FL 34238-5150

DATE: June 2, 2025

CASE NO.: CECASE-25-01151
REAL PROPERTY ADDRESS: 3048 Masuko Ave, North Port, FL 34288
LOT 21 BLK 2445 49TH ADD TO PO
PARCEL ID: 1121244521
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

59-1 (b)(1) NPCC, Prohibited parking - Right-of-way. No light or heavy duty vehicle shall be parked on the public right-of-way except during a short-term delivery, pick-up, or service activity, provided that: a. The vehicle is parked in the direction of traffic; b. The vehicle does not obstruct a sidewalk or create a hazard due to blocking visibility of traffic and/or pedestrians; c. The vehicle can be parked and moved without causing damage to the public right-of-way; and d. The parked vehicle does not block the view of a principal structure's front door or address numbers.

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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:

Louis Cerbone
Inspector
Neighborhood Development Services
e-mail: lcerbone@northportfl.gov

PROOF OF ACCEPTANCE (ELECTRONIC)

PRODUCED DATE: 06/03/2025

CITY OF NORTH PORT:

The following is information for Certified Mail™/RRE item number:

9214 8901 9403 8317 3334 35

Our records indicate that this item was accepted by the USPS at:

SHIPMENT RECEIVED ACCEPTANCE PENDING NORTH PORT,FL 34286 06/03/2025 14:44

ORIGINAL INTENDED RECIPIENT:

CRAIG W STERN

5754 HYDRANGEA CIR

SARASOTA FL 34238-5150

Case Number: CECASE-25-01151

Parcel ID: 1121244521



Mailer: City of North Port

Date Produced: 06/09/2025

ConnectSuite Inc.:

The following is the delivery information for Certified Mail™/RRE item number 9214 8901 9403 8317 3334 35. Our records indicate that this item was delivered on 06/06/2025 at 10:57 a.m. in SARASOTA, FL 34238. The scanned image of the recipient information is provided below.

Signature of Recipient :

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig W Stern". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

Address of Recipient :

**5754 HYDRANGEA CIR,
SARASOTA, FL 34238**

Thank you for selecting the Postal Service for your mailing needs. If you require additional assistance, please contact your local post office or Postal Service representative.

Sincerely,
United States Postal Service

The customer reference number shown below is not validated or endorsed by the United States Postal Service. It is solely for customer use.

This USPS proof of delivery is linked to the customers mail piece information on file as shown below:

CRAIG W STERN
5754 HYDRANGEA CIR
SARASOTA, FL 34238-5150

Customer Reference Number: C5941975.36082323



Return address:

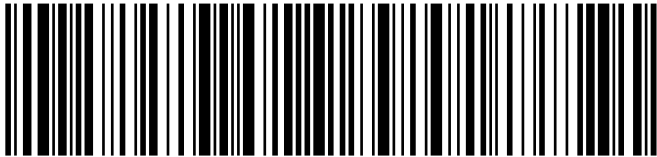
CITY OF NORTH PORT
4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT FL 34286

Recipient address:

CRAIG W STERN
5754 HYDRANGEA CIR
SARASOTA, FL 34238-5150

MAILING DATE: 06/03/2025
DELIVERY DATE: 06/06/2025

USPS CERTIFIED MAIL



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