

SPECIAL MASTER

HERNANDO COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, Plaintiff,

vs.

SM CASE NO. 2022-24290

SARA JEAN THOMPSON AND ALEXANDER LEE GOFORTH, Defendants.

DEFAULT ORDER

THIS CAUSE came before the Special Master of Hernando County, Florida, on March 27, 2023, pursuant to Section 2-52 of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances, and the Special Master thereupon issues this Default Order as follows:

1. Civil Violation Notice No. 24290-H, 24290-H1, and 24290-HV dated August 19, 2022, was issued to the Defendants for a violation of Sections 6-24(a), 6-29(c), 6-21(a), and 6-22(a) of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances, described as failing to restrain one animal, the mistreatment of one animal, failing to obtain rabies vaccinations for two animals, and failing to obtain two Hernando County animal licenses.

2. The Civil Violation Notice instructed the Defendants to pay the civil penalty or request an administrative hearing before the Special Master within twenty (20) days after service of said Notice. The Civil Violation Notice informed the Defendants that failure to pay the civil penalty or request an administrative hearing within twenty (20) days after service of the Notice shall constitute a waiver of the Defendants' right to contest said Notice, and, in such case, the Special Master shall enter a Default Order assessing fines up to the maximum fine per day. The Defendants failed to pay the civil penalty or request a hearing in accordance with Section 2-52 of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances.

THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 2-52 of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances, a Default Order is hereby entered against the Defendants in the above-styled case. It is hereby determined that a violation of Sections 6-24(a), 6-29(c), 6-21(a), and 6-22(a) of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances occurred on August 16, 2022, and the Civil Violation Notice is hereby upheld. The Defendants are hereby ORDERED to pay the amounts listed below to the Plaintiff at the following address: Hernando County Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St., Brooksville, FL 34601.

Fine for violation 6-24(a) \$500.00	Fine for violation 6-29(c) \$750.00
Fine for violation 6-21(a) \$1,000.00	Fine for violation 6-22(a) \$1,000.00
Investigative costs \$140.00	Administrative costs \$100.00
Postage costs \$9.05	

This Default Order shall bear interest at the legal rate established pursuant to Section 55.01, Florida Statutes, beginning thirty (30) days after said Order is signed by the Clerk, FOR WHICH LET EXECUTION NOW ISSUE. If the Defendants fail to comply with this Default Order within thirty (30) days, a certified copy of this Default Order shall be recorded in the Public Records of Hernando County, Florida, and shall thereafter constitute a lien upon any real or personal property owned by the Defendant. In the event this Default Order is recorded in the public records, the fees for recording said Order and a Satisfaction shall be added to the fine and costs stated herein.

An aggrieved party may appeal this Default Order to the Circuit Court as provided by Section 162.11, Florida Statutes, and Section 2-56 of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances. Such appeal shall not be a hearing de novo, but shall be limited to appellate review of the record created before the Special Master. An appeal shall be filed within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Default Order.

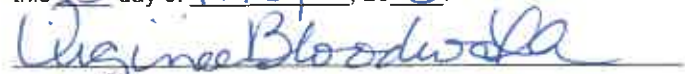
DONE AND ORDERED this 5th day of May, 2023.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Default Order has been furnished to Defendants at 9088 Kindlewood Trl., Brooksville, FL 34613, by first-class mail and certified mail, and to the Hernando County Code Enforcement Division or Animal Services Division by interoffice mail, this 15 day of May, 2023.

HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Special Master


Clerk to Special Master