

BEFORE THE SPECIAL MASTER
IN AND FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

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Doug Chorvat, Jr., HERNANDO County Clerk of the Circuit Court
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vs.

Case No. 2020-20604

KRISTI LYNN PELHAM,
Defendant.

SPECIAL MASTER'S ORDER

THIS MATTER came before the Special Master for hearing on November 2, 2020, after notice to the Defendant, on Citation #20604-H issued by the Plaintiff, HERNANDO COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES, 19450 Oliver St., Brooksville, Florida 34601, to the Defendant, KRISTI LYNN PELHAM, 20120 Suncrest Dr., Brooksville, FL 34601. The citation, with the date and time of the hearing inscribed thereon, was mailed to the Defendant by certified mail, return receipt requested, and was Covid 19 delivered at the Defendant's address. The Defendant, being duly informed and advised, failed to appear for the hearing. The Plaintiff was represented by GARTH C. COLLIER, ESQ., Hernando County Attorney. Proceedings were had in the absence of the Defendant.

The Special Master heard the testimony of Hernando County Sheriff's Deputy, STEVEN GEORGE.

Upon **CONSIDERATION**, the Special Master finds as follows:

A. Upon testimony and evidence presented, the Plaintiff established that on July 10, 2020, Deputy George responded to 20125 Suncrest Dr., Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida regarding an unrestrained pig. Deputy George met with the Complainant, Crystal Rock, who stated she had called a number of times regarding the Defendant's pig roaming the neighborhood. On this date the pig was again off its property and on hers. Deputy George arrived and observed the pig roaming in the front yard at 20122 Suncrest Dr. Deputy George testified that the pig was just roaming and not causing any damage. Deputy George contacted a 15 year old at the Defendant's address who informed him that the pig belonged to her mother. The girl got the pig back inside the fence. Animal Services had been to the Defendant's address on June 17, June 18, and June 20, 2020. Each time they gave the Defendant a verbal warning. This time Deputy George cited the Defendant. Photographs taken by Deputy George were identified on a CD, placed in evidence, and viewed by the Special Master.

UPON THESE FINDINGS, it is therefore **ORDERED**:

1. Regarding citation #20604-H and the charge of a having one unrestrained pig, the Defendant, KRISTI LYNN PELHAM, is found GUILTY of having one unrestrained pig in violation of Hernando

County Code of Ordinances Section 6-24c.

a) The Defendant shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$250.00 payable to the Animal Services Department, 19450 Oliver St., Brooksville, Florida 34601, pursuant to Hernando County Code of Ordinances 2004-09, Section 4(a)(1).

2. That pursuant to authority granted by Chapter 2, Article III, Section 2-54(k) of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances and Section 162.09(2)(d), Florida Statutes, the Defendant is hereby ordered to pay administrative and investigative costs on behalf of the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$70.00, on behalf of the County Attorney in the amount of \$70.00, and certified mailing costs in the amount of \$15.00 payable to the Hernando County Animal Services Department.

3. **The total of penalties and costs due and payable to the Plaintiff, Hernando County Animal Services Department, 19450 Oliver St., Brooksville, Florida 34601 is \$405.00. This order shall bear interest at the legal rate established pursuant to Section 55.01, Florida Statutes, beginning 30 days after the clerk signs this order, FOR WHICH LET EXECUTION NOW ISSUE. In the event that this Special Master's Order is recorded in the public records pursuant to paragraph 4, herein, Hernando County shall be entitled to collect for their actual costs of recording this Order and a Satisfaction, which additional costs shall be added to the total of penalties and costs stated herein.**


4. If the Defendant fails to comply with this Order within 30 days, pursuant to Section 10 of Ordinance 2004-09, Hernando County Code of Ordinances, a certified copy of this Order shall be recorded in the public records of Hernando County, Florida and wherever else the Defendant may live or own property and thereafter shall constitute a lien against real and personal property owned by the Defendant.

REQUESTS FOR FURTHER REVIEW shall be addressed as follows:

An aggrieved party, including the local governing body, may appeal a decision of the Special Master to the Circuit Court. 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 the Order to be appealed.


YOU ARE FURTHER advised that if you decide to seek further review of any decision made by the Special Master with respect to any matter considered at such hearing, you will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, you may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the further review is to be based. Production of verbatim transcripts shall be the responsibility and at the personal expense of the party seeking review of the Special Master's Order.

DONE AND ORDERED at Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida this 18th day of December, 2020.

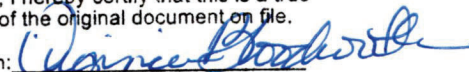

KENNETH L. WARNSTADT
Special Master

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Special Master's Order has been sent by Regular U.S. Mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, to KRISTI LYNN PELHAM, 20120 Suncrest Dr., Brooksville, FL 34601 and by Courthouse Mail to Hernando County Animal Services, 19450 Oliver St., Brooksville, FL 34601 on December 31, 2020.


Clerk to Special Master

Pursuant to Section 119.07, Florida Statutes as amended from time to time, as Record Custodian for this document, I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original document on file.

Record Custodian: 
Print Name: Virginia Bloodworth
Date: 12.31.20
Hernando County Government, Brooksville, FL
Department/Office: County Attorney's Office