810 Court Street • Jackson, CA 95642-2132

Telephone: (209) 223-6565

To: Amador County Board of Supervisors

From: Michelle Gallaher, Code Enforcement Officer

Affected Property: Assessor's Parcel Number: 015-290-010-000; CASE C22-8

Property Address: 17801 Old River Road, Fiddletown, CA 95689

Date: June 24, 2022

On June 23, 2022, an Administrative Abatement Hearing was held regarding the illegal occupancy of a trailer on the above-referenced parcel.

Pursuant to Amador County Code Section 2.06.100 Administrative abatement of violation (see attached), this matter is coming to you for a decision to either adopt the Hearing Board's Findings and Recommendation without further notice or hearing or setting aside the matter and scheduling a de novo hearing before the Board of Supervisors.

I request to be added to the July 12, 2022, agenda.

The attached materials are for the Abatement Hearing Board's hearing which includes the Findings and Recommendations regarding Administration Abatement Action.

For easier review, the Board Clerk has been provided a copy of the "Exhibit Binder" used during the hearing.

Michelle Gallaher

Code Enforcement Officer

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter Of:	)	
	)	ORDER FOR
	)	ADMINISTRATIVE
Amador County Department of Code Enforcement	)	ABATEMENT OF
	)	VIOLATIONS
	)	
VS.	)	
	)	
Todd Masterton	)	
	)	
	)	

WHEREAS, after a noticed public hearing before the Amador County Administrative Abatement Hearing Board ("Hearing Board") on June 23, 2022, the Hearing Board made findings and made a recommendation to the Amador County Board of Supervisors regarding the violations existing on the parcel located at 17801 Old River Rd, Fiddletown, (unincorporated area), County of Amador, State of California (APN 015-290-010) ("Subject Property"). A copy of the findings and recommendation is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREAS, the Amador County Board of Supervisors presided over this matter at a public hearing on July 12, 2022, and adopted the Hearing Board's findings and recommendation in their entirety.

### NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Todd Masterton shall remove the trailer or secure it from illegal occupancy within 60 days. If not removed within that time, the trailer shall be stored with all connections disconnected and all slide outs closed (if applicable). This order does not prohibit the owner from obtaining a use permit to occupy a trailer after submitting an application for a residential dwelling permit on the site. The trailer is in violation of Amador County Code Section 19.48.080(G).

2.	Todd Masterton shall schedule an onsite inspection with Amador County Code
	Enforcement and other appropriate staff to verify compliance with the orders above
	on or before September 12, 2022.

If the Property Owner does not comply with this Order, the County may secure any court order necessary to accomplish the abatement of the violation including an order to inspect the Subject Property, to have the tenant removed from the Subject Property, and to abate the violations existing on the Subject Property at the expense of the Property Owner, Todd Masterton. As prevailing party, the County shall recover its costs of abatement, including administrative and investigative costs, and attorney fees.

Dated:	
Richard Forster	
Chairman, Board of Supervisors	

		(9)

### **Administrative Hearing Board**

June 23, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

### Amador County Administration Center 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642

**Property Owner: Todd Masterton** 

Site & Physical Address: 17801 Old River Rd

Fiddletown, CA 95629

Assessor's Parcel Number: 015-290-010

### BEFORE THE AMADOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ABATEMENT HEARING BOARD, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:	)	
	)	
Amador County Department of Code Enforcement	)	FINDINGS AND
	)	RECOMMENDATION
vs.	)	REGARDING
	)	ADMINISTRATIVE
Todd Masterton	)	ABATEMENT ACTION
	)	(Amador County Code Section
	)	2.06.100)

This matter came on regularly for hearing, in session open to the public, as noticed and scheduled on June 23, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., for administrative abatement hearing pertaining to the existence of Amador County Code violation(s) that have not been corrected and that are subject to abatement on that parcel of real property described as APN 015-290-010 located at 17801 Old River Rd, Fiddletown, California.

### Appearances:

For Amador County:

Glenn Spitzer, Deputy County Counsel Michelle Gallaher, Code Enforcement Officer

For Todd Masterton:

Todd Masterton, Property Owner

### Witnesses:

For Amador County:

Krista Ruesel or Ruslan Bratan, Planning Michelle Gallaher, Code Enforcement Officer

For Todd Masterton:

Todd Masterton, Property Owner

### **FINDINGS:**

- 1. The parcel of real property on which the County Code violations exist is located at 17801 Old River Rd, Fiddletown, (unincorporated area), County of Amador, State of California (APN 015-290-010) ("Subject Property").
  - The owners of the Subject Property is Todd Masterton ("Landowner").
- 2. On February 8, 2022, County staff visited the Subject Property and determined that an occupied recreational vehicle was being used on the Subject Property and that the Landowner was maintaining an unlawful junkyard.
- 3. On February 8, 2022, the County sent a Notice of Violation regarding the unlawfully occupied recreational vehicle and unlawful junkyard by certified mail and first class mail to the Landowner.
- 4. On May 6, 2022, the County sent the Landowner, via first class mail, a Notice of Proposed Abatement of Code Violations and Notice of Intent to Record a Notice of Violation related to unlawful junk (sections 19.08.355 and 19.08.360) and unlawful recreational vehicles (section 19.48.080). The Notice was also posted on the resident.
- 5. May 20, 2022, the Landowner submitted a written request to appeal the violations.
- 6. June 7, 2022, the Landowner complied and is in compliance with the junk code violation.
- 7. Staff provided sufficient and legal notice to the Landowner of this June 23, 2022 abatement hearing along with this hearing packet. The Landowner was provided a meaningful opportunity to be heard and participate at the June 23, 2022 abatement hearing.
- 8. The Hearing Board finds the following violations continue to exist on the Subject Property:
  - a. Unlawful recreational vehicle (section 19.48.080(G)).

### **DETERMINATION BY HEARING BOARD:**

Based upon the evidence presented at the hearing, including the report and request for recommendations and the findings made as a result thereof, the Administrative Abatement Hearing Board recommends that the Board of Supervisors of Amador County issue an order stating:

- 1. The Board of Supervisors adopts the findings of the hearing board.
- 2. The Landowner shall have 60 days to voluntarily abate the noticed code violations. If the Landowner fails to abate the violations within this time, then County staff may take all necessary actions to abate the violations including obtaining necessary court orders. Abatement expenses shall be borne by the Landowner, and the County shall recover its costs of abatement, including administrative and investigative costs, and attorneys' fees.

Dated: June <u>23</u>, 2022

Frank Axe, Hearing Officer

Dated: June 23, 2022

Tacy Kouen, Hearing Officer

Dated: June 23 , 2022

Bryan Middleton, Hearing Officer

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  - §19.48.080(G) Recreational Vehicles.

### California Government Code Section 25845

### 25845.

- (a) The board of supervisors, by ordinance, may establish a procedure for the abatement of a nuisance. The ordinance shall, at a minimum, provide that the owner of the parcel, and anyone known to the board of supervisors to be in possession of the parcel, be given notice of the abatement **proceeding** and an opportunity to appear before the board of supervisors and be heard prior to the abatement of the nuisance by the county. However, nothing in this section prohibits the summary abatement of a nuisance upon order of the board of supervisors, or upon order of any other county officer authorized by law to summarily abate nuisances, if the board or officer determines that the nuisance constitutes an immediate threat to public health or safety.
- (b) In any action to abate a nuisance, whether by administrative proceedings, judicial proceedings, or summary abatement, the owner of the parcel upon which the nuisance is found to exist shall be liable for all costs of abatement incurred by the county, including, but not limited to, administrative costs, and any and all costs incurred in the physical abatement of the nuisance. Recovery of costs pursuant to this section shall be in addition to and shall not limit any prevailing party's right to recover costs pursuant to Sections 1032 and 1033.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure or any other provision of law.
- (c) A county may, by ordinance, provide for the recovery of attorneys' fees in any action, administrative proceeding, or special proceeding to abate a nuisance. If the ordinance provides for the recovery of attorneys' fees, it shall provide for recovery of attorneys' fees by the prevailing party, rather than limiting recovery of attorneys' fees to the county if it prevails. The ordinance may limit recovery of attorneys' fees by the prevailing party to those individual actions or proceedings in which the county elects, at the initiation of that individual action or proceeding, to seek recovery of its own attorneys' fees. In no action, administrative proceeding, or special proceeding shall an award of attorneys' fees to a prevailing party exceed the amount of reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the county in the action or proceeding.
- (d) If the owner fails to pay the costs of the abatement upon demand by the county, the board of supervisors may order the cost of the abatement to be specially assessed against the parcel. The assessment may be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary county taxes are collected, and shall be subject to the same penalties and the same procedure and sale in case of delinquency as are provided for ordinary county taxes. All laws applicable to the levy, collection, and enforcement of county taxes are applicable to the special assessment.
- (e) If the board of supervisors specially assesses the cost of the abatement against the parcel, the board also may cause a notice of abatement lien to be recorded. The notice shall, at a minimum, identify the record owner or possessor of property, set forth the last known address of the record owner or possessor, set forth the date upon which abatement of the nuisance was ordered by the board of supervisors and the date the abatement was complete, and include a description of the real property subject to the lien and the amount of the abatement cost.
- (f) However, if the board of supervisors does not cause the recordation of a notice of abatement lien pursuant to subdivision (e), and any real property to which the costs of abatement relates has been transferred or conveyed to a bona fide purchaser for value, or a lien on a bona fide encumbrancer for value has been created and attaches to that property, prior to the date on which the first installment of county taxes would become delinquent, then the cost of abatement shall not result in a lien against that real property but shall be transferred to the unsecured roll for collection.
- (g) Recordation of a notice of abatement lien pursuant to subdivision (e) has the same effect as recordation of an abstract of a money judgment recorded pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 697.310) of Chapter 2

of Division 2 of Title 9 of Part 2 of the Code of Civil Procedure. The lien created has the same priority as a judgment lien on real property and continues in effect until released. Upon order of the board of supervisors, or any county officer authorized by the board of supervisors to act on its behalf, an abatement lien created under this section may be released or subordinated in the same manner as a judgment lien on real property may be released or subordinated.

- (h) The board of supervisors may delegate the hearing required by subdivision (a), prior to abatement of a public nuisance, to a hearing board designated by the board of supervisors. The hearing board shall make a written recommendation to the board of supervisors. The board of supervisors may adopt the recommendation without further notice of hearing, or may set the matter for a de novo hearing before the board of supervisors.
- (i) The board of supervisors may, by ordinance, delegate to a hearing officer appointed pursuant to Section 27720 the powers and duties specified by this section.

(Amended by Stats. 1996, Ch. 718, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 1997.)

### Chapter 2.06 CODE ENFORCEMENT

Section:

### 2.06.100 Administrative abatement of violations.

2.06.010 Establishment of division.

Administrative abatement of violations.

Whenever the code enforcement officer has knowledge of a violation he/she may provide a notice of proposed abatement to all owners and/or possessors of the premises in the manner set forth in Section <u>2.06.080</u> A and B of this chapter.

- A. Such notice of proposed abatement shall state that the code enforcement officer intends to abate the violation at the owner's expense thirty days from the date of the notice and that the owner and possessor each has the right to a prior hearing before the hearing board on the issue of whether or not a violation exists on the premises. A request for such hearing must be made in writing by the owner or possessor and delivered to the code enforcement officer within fifteen days from the date of notice of proposed abatement; and
- B. The hearing shall be conducted in the manner set forth in Section 2.06.080 C; and
- C. In the event a hearing is not requested within the time specified, or if after a hearing a determination is made by the hearing board that one or more violations exist on the property and that such violations have not been corrected, the code enforcement officer shall transmit the hearing board's recommendation to the board of supervisors; and
- D. The board of supervisors may adopt the hearing board's recommendation without further notice or hearing or may set aside the matter for hearing de novo before the board of supervisors; and
- E. If the board of supervisors adopts the hearing board's recommendation, the board of supervisors shall give notice thereof to the owner and possessor and proceed to abate the violation at the owner's expense; and
- F. If the board of supervisors sets the matter for a hearing de novo it shall provide notice thereof in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06.080 A and B of this chapter and conduct the hearing pursuant to Section 2.06.080 C of this chapter; and
- G. If the board of supervisors finds that the violation exists the board of supervisors shall order the violation to be abated by the owner at the owner's expense. If the owner fails to obey the abatement order, the board of supervisors may abate the violation using county workers or by contract all at the expense of the owner; and

- H. The owner shall be liable for all costs of abatement incurred by the county including but not limited to administrative and investigative costs and any and all costs incurred in the physical abatement of the violation; and
- I. In any action, proceeding, or administrative proceeding to abate a violation the county or the alleged violator, whoever is the prevailing party, shall be entitled to the amount of reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred in the action or proceeding; and
- J. If the owner fails to pay the costs of the abatement upon demand by the county, the board of supervisors may order the costs of the assessment to be specially assessed against the premises. The assessment may be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary county taxes are collected, and shall be subject to the same penalties and the same procedure and sale in case of delinquency as are provided for ordinary county taxes. All laws applicable to the levy, collection, and enforcement of county taxes are applicable to the special assessment; and
- K. If the board of supervisors specifically assesses the cost of abatement against the premises, the board also may cause a notice of abatement lien to be recorded. This notice of abatement lien shall, at a minimum, identify the record owner or possessor of property, set forth the last known address of the record owner or possessor, set forth the date upon which abatement of the violation was ordered by the board of supervisors and the date the abatement was complete, and include a description of the real property subject to the lien and the amount of the abatement cost. (Ord. 1474 §2(part), 1999).

### Code Section: 19.48.080(G) Recreational vehicles, mobile homes recreational vehicle parks and mobile home parks.

- 1. No person may establish, use or occupy a camp, campsite or camping area for living or sleeping purposes in a recreational vehicle or otherwise except within an approved and authorized public or private recreational vehicle park or camping area which is equipped and operated for such use.
- 2. Exceptions to the provisions of this subsection are:
  - a. Temporary use and occupancy of recreational vehicles for such purposes is permitted on a private site owned by the use occupant, or with the written consent of the site owner, for a period not to exceed sixteen days in any calendar year.

### **Witness List**

### Appearances:

For Amador County:

Glenn Spitzer, Deputy County Counsel Michelle Gallaher, Code Enforcement Officer

For Todd Masterton:

Todd Masterton, Property Owner

### Witnesses:

For Amador County:

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For Todd Masterton:

Todd Masterton, Property Owner

### ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING BOARD

### **CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS**

DATE OF ACTION	STATUS
February 8, 2022	Received complaint regarding violation of an occupied trailer, illegal wooden structure and junk Site visit conducted, violation verified, and photos were taken by Code Enforcement. Case sent to Planning, Environmental Health, & Building for action.
February 8, 2022	Notice of Violation sent by Planning Department. Violation was sent by Certified Mail 7020-1810-0001-9337-9180 and 1st Class Mail to Property owners (PO BOX 105 Fiddletown CA 95629).
April 14, 2022	Referred to Code Enforcement.
May 6, 2022	Notice of Proposed Abatement of Code Violations was sent to property owners via first class main to property owners at (PO BOX 105 Fiddletown CA 95629 (Mailing address)) and posted on property. Final inspection scheduled for June 7, 2022, at 10:00 AM.
May 9, 2022	Posted Notice on property. Photos taken by Code Enforcement.
May 20, 2022	Code Enforcement received letter from Mr. Masterton Requesting an appeal. No number to contact Mr. Masterton in the letter.
June 7, 2022	Final inspection. Photos taken. Met with Mr. Masterton and we discussed violations. The wooden structure he is building is to enclosure the trailer (use as storage) and place a roof on top of it. I asked if he had a permit for the structure and he said no. Informed him he is required to obtain a permit but It cannot be used for living space. He stated he does not live in the trailer but lives in the home he has in Fiddletown where also he is housing his extended family. His female companion Taylor, express they are not living in the trailer but come every day to enjoy the property with their dogs, enjoy the stream, etc. I explained the perception of the trailer being connected, a wooden

structure being attached, a dish satellite, etc.; this make it look like a living area and it's not allowed in the county. They do want to build a home at this location. Explained the process for the hearing. The trailer must be stored, closed, and disconnected. Occupying the trailer is not allowed and explained the potential change in the square footage for a home and obtaining an occupied trailer while building use permit is the only option available at this time. Mr. Masterton said the wooden structure is approximately 360Sq feet. Informed him to speak with the Building department to see what is required to permit the structure as storage or a living space. Informed and wrote down hearing date on my business card and exchanged numbers. Junk violation was in compliance.

June 16, 2022

Administrative abatement hearing to be held on June 23, 2022, at 10:00 AM in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers at the County Administration Building located at 810 Court Street, Jackson, California.

NOTICE OF ABATEMENT HEARING DATE was mailed to Mr. Masterton by USPS 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS MAIL.

### **EVIDENCE:**

### Exhibits admitted into evidence for the County of Amador:

EXHIBIT 1: Amador County Property Information

- a. Property Detail
- b. Grant Deed
- c. GIS Map
- d. Google Map
- EXHIBIT 2: 2 pages of Code Enforcement Photos from April 7, 2022.
- EXHIBIT 3: February 11, 2022, Certified Letter/ First class Letter from Planning Department to Property Owner
- EXHIBIT 4: April 14, 2022, Case referred to Code Enforcement from Planning Department.
- EXHIBIT 5: May 6, 2022, Noticed Proposed Abatement of Code Violations and Notice of Intent to Record a Notice of Violation sent to property owner first class and posted on property.
- EXHIBIT 6: 3 pages of Code Enforcement Photos from May 9, 2022, Posting of Notice.
- EXHIBIT 7: May 20, 2022, Appeal Letter from Mr. Masterton.
- EXHIBIT 8: 2 pages of Code Enforcement Photos from June 7, 2022 inspection.
- EXHIBIT 9: Notice of Abatement Hearing sent to property owner first class.

### EXHIBIT 1

### **Property Detail**

Amador, CA JAMES B. ROONEY, ASSESSOR

Parcel # (APN):

015-290-010-000

Use Description: VACANT

Parcel Status:

ACTIVE

Owner Name:

**MASTERTON TODD** 

Mailing Address: PO BOX 105 FIDDLETOWN CA 95629-0105

Situs Address:

17801 OLD RIVER RD FIDDLETOWN CA 95629

Legal

Description:

17M35 PAR 5-C ROLLING OAKS RANCHETTES

**ASSESSMENT** 

Total Value: \$62,642

Use Code:

RV

Zoning:

Land Value: \$62,642

Tax Rate Area: 052086

Census Tract:

2.02/2

Impr Value:

Year Assd:

2021

Improve Type:

Other Value:

Property Tax:

\$663.52

Price/SqFt:

% Improved

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SALES HISTORY

Sale 1

Sale 2

Sale 3

Transfer

Recording Date:

08/30/2019

03/08/2004

08/30/2019

2019R006281

Recorded Doc#:

2019R006281

2004R003047

Recorded Doc Type:

**GRANT DEED** 

**GRANT DEED** 

Transfer Amount:

\$62,000

\$53,000

Sale 1 Seller (Grantor):

**LAMPLEY JAMES L & MARSTO** 

1st Trst Dd Amt:

Code1:

2nd Trst Dd Amt:

Code2:

### PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

Lot Acres:

13.420

Year Built:

Fireplace:

Lot SqFt:

584,575

Effective Yr:

A/C:

Bldg/Liv Area:

Heating:

Units:

Total Rooms:

Pool:

Buildings:

Bedrooms:

Stories:

Baths (Full):

Park Type: Spaces:

Style:

Baths (Half):

Site Inflnce:

Construct: Quality:

Garage SqFt:

**Building Class:** 

Timber Preserve:

Condition:

Ag Preserve:

Other Rooms:

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The information provided here is deemed reliable, but is not guaranteed.

Amador County Recorder Kimberly L. Grady RECORDING REQUESTED BY: DOC- 2019-0006281-00 Placer Title Company Check Number 64344 Branch Number: 90 REGD BY PLACER TITLE CO Friday, AUG 30, 2019 08:04 WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO: Nbr-0000326076 \$96.20 Ttl Pd CT1/R1/1-3 Todd Masterton P.O. Box 105 Fiddletown, CA 95629 APN: 015-290-010-000 Order No: P-340571 **Grant Deed** (Please fill in document title(s) on this line) Exempt from fee per GC27388.1(a)(2) due to being recorded in connection concurrent transfer that is subject to X the imposition of documentary transfer tax, or, Exempt from fee per GC27388.1(a)(1) due to the maximum fees beingpoid descuments in this transaction, or, Partially exempt from fee per GC27388.1(a)(1). Only \$75.00 to be charged as \$150.00 in fees has been paid on documents recorded immediately prior hereto or, Exempt from fee per GC27388.1(a)(2) due to being recorded in connection with concurrent transfer that is a residential dwelling to an owner-occupier, or, Exempt from the fee per GC27388.1(a) (1); Not related to property, or, Exempt from fee under GC27388.1(a)(1) for the following ons: NOTE: The following exemptions may not be acceptable for use in all counties: Exempt from fee per GC27388.1 due to being recorded in connection with a transfer that was subject to documentary transfer tax which was paid on document recorded viously on (date) as document number of Official Records, or, Exempt from fee per GC27388.a due to fee member fees having been paid on documents in the transaction(s) recorded previously on (date) as documental number(s) of Official Records, or, Partially exempt from fee per GC27388.1. Only \$75.00 to be charged as \$150.00 in fees having been paid on

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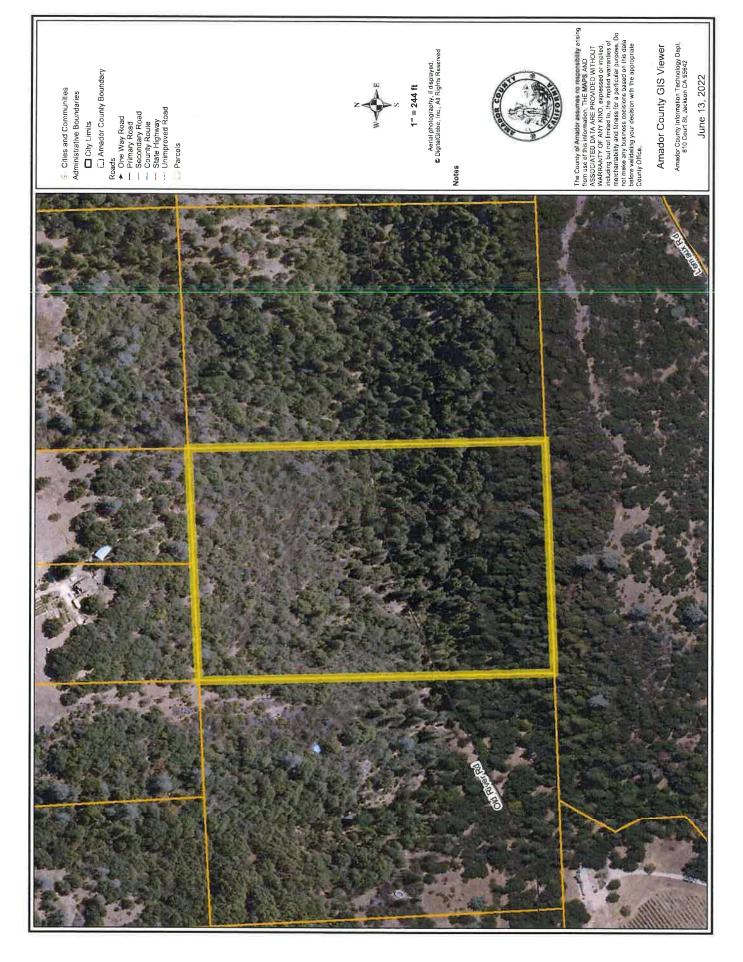
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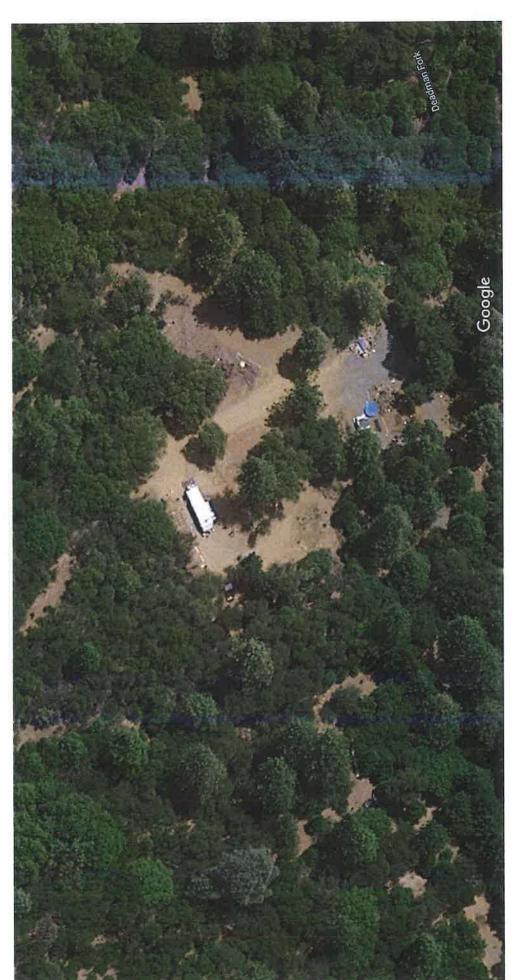
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## Google Maps 17801 Old River Rd

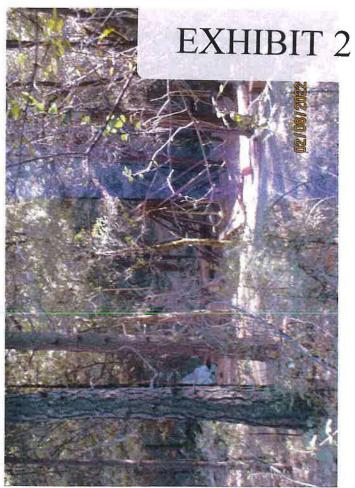


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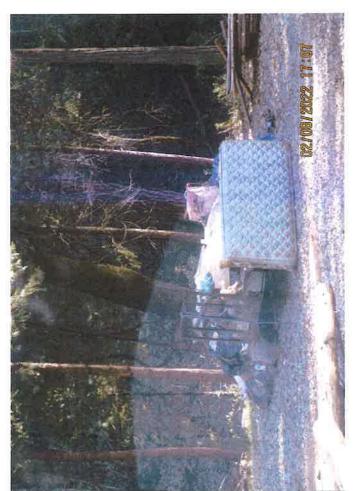


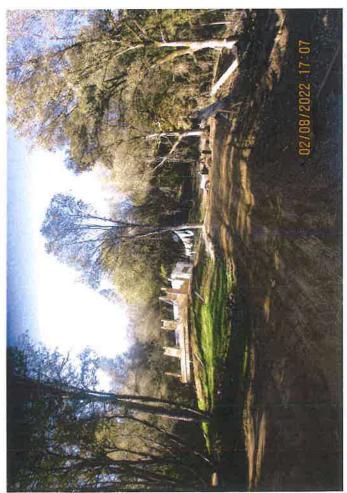


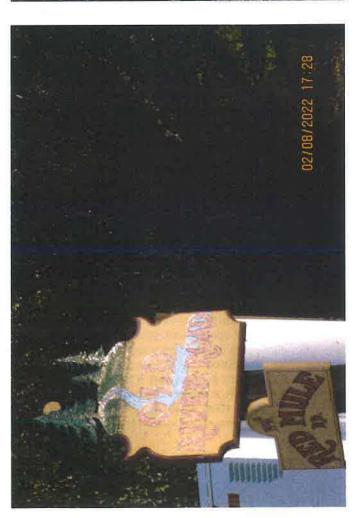














### AMADOR COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

### PLANNING DEPARTMENT

EXHIBIT 3

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER

810 COURT STREET

JACKSON, CA 95642-2132

### NOTICE OF VIOLATION

**Date Issued**: February 11, 2022 **Property Owner**: Masterton Todd

**Property Address:** 17801 Old River Road Fiddletown, CA 95689

**APN(S)**: 015-0290-010-000 **Mailing Address**:

Po Box 105

Fiddletown, Ca 95629

**Sent First Class and Certified:** 7020 1810 0001 9337 9180

### Dear Property Owner(s) and/or Tenant(s):

This Notice of Violation is issued following observation of violations of County Code §19.48.080(G) regarding Occupied Recreational Vehicle and County Code §19.48.130 regarding Junk and Debris. You are hereby ordered to cease occupancy of the units, close any slide outs, remove any hookups to the units, secure them to prevent unlawful occupancy, and remove any and all affixations to the trailer that are consistent with unlawful occupancy. Additionally you must remove and/or store any and all junk in excess of the allowed 200 sq. ft.

### Amador County Code Section(s): Recreational vehicles, mobile homes recreational vehicle parks and mobile home parks.

§19.48.080(G) Recreational Vehicles.

- A. No person may establish, use or occupy a camp, campsite or camping area for living or sleeping purposes in a recreational vehicle or otherwise except within an approved and authorized public or private recreational vehicle park or camping area which is equipped and operated for such use.
- B. Exceptions to the provisions of this subsection are:
  - a. Temporary use and occupancy of recreational vehicles for such purposes is permitted on a private site owned by the use occupant, or with the written consent of the site owner, for a period not to exceed sixteen days in any calendar year.

### County Code Section(s): Junk & Junkyard Definitions - Junk and Junkyard Regulations

§19.08.355 Junk Definition.

"Junk" means any wornout, castoff, or discarded fabricated articles or materials which are stored outside of a building, which are no longer usable for the purpose on which they were made and which are ready for destruction or are being stored or collected for salvage or conversion to some other use. (Ord. 1135 §2, 1987).

§19.08.360 Junkyard Definition.

"Junkyard" means the outdoor storage or collection of more than two hundred square feet of junk on any area of any one lot or parcel whether for commercial or private use. Vehicle dismantling or wrecking operations shall be considered junkyards for the purposes of this section. Storage of more than two hundred square feet of scrap metals or other scrap materials shall be considered a junkyard. (Ord. 1135 §4, 1987).

§19.48.130 Junk and Junkyard Regulations.

- A. It is unlawful for any person to establish a junkyard as defined in Section <u>19.08.360</u> of this code unless otherwise permitted in this code. Junkyards established contrary to this section shall be declared a public nuisance. Exceptions to the provisions of this subsection are:
- B. Commercial junkyards may be established in the C2 heavy commercial district, the M manufacturing district and the X special use district with an approved use permit issued pursuant to Chapter 19.56 of this title.
- C. Junkyards found to be a legal, nonconforming use pursuant to Chapter 19.60 of this title shall continue to be considered a lawful use only if within eighteen months of notice from the Amador County planning department the junkyard is found to be adequately screened from view. Adequate screening shall be, at a minimum, a reasonably constructed fence or vegetative barrier which sufficiently blocks from public view any junk. (Ord. 1135 §5, 1987).

A final inspection has been scheduled for the above referenced property for Friday, March 11, 2022. The property owner does not need to be present however the property must be visible/accessible to be able to verify compliance. If the County is unable to verify that the violation(s) have ceased, the property will be found in noncompliance. If the property owner wishes to be present at the final inspection, please contact the Amador County Planning Department to schedule a date and time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact this department at 209-223-6380. If the violation remains or the property is found in noncompliance thereafter, the matter will be forwarded to the Code Enforcement Division for further action as allowed by law which may include abatement of the nuisance at your expense, accrued staff time, and associated legal costs.

Sincerely,

Ruslan Bratan, Planner

Planner | Amador County Planning Department cc: Michelle Gallaher - Code Enforcement Office

PHONE: (209) 223-6380 FAX: (209) 257-5002 WEBSITE: www.amadorgov.org E-MAIL: planning@emadorgov.org

AMADOR COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

JACKSON, CA 95842-2132

810 COURT STREET • COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER APN(S): 015-0290-010-000 Mailing Address:

Fiddletown, Ca 95629
Sent First Class and Certifled: 7020 1810 0001 9337 9180 Po Box 105

### NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Date lasued: February 11, 2022 Property Owner: Masterton Todd Property Address: 17801 Old River Road

Fiddletown, CA 95689

Dear Property Owner(s) and/or Tenant(s):

This Notice of Violation is issued following observation of violations of County Code §19.48.080(G) regarding Occupied Recreational Vehicle and County Code §19.48.130 regarding Junk and Debris. You are hereby ordered to cease occupancy of the units, close any side outs, remove any hookups to the units, secure them to prevent unlawful occupancy, and remove any and all affixations to the trailer that are consistent with unlawful occupancy. Additionally you must remove and/or store any and all junk in excess of the allowed 200 sq. ft.

## Amador County Code Section(s): Recreational vehicles, mobile homes recreational vehicle parks and mobile home parks. §19.48.080(G) Recreational Vehicles

- A. No person may establish, use or occupy a camp, campsite or camping area for living or sleeping purposes in a recreational vehicle or otherwise except within an approved and authorized public or private recreational vehicle park or camping area which is equipped and operated for such use.
  - Exceptions to the provisions of this subsection are: œ.

Temporary use and occupancy of recreational vehicles for such purposes is permitted on a private site owner, for a period not to exceed sixteen days in any calendar year

# County Code Section(s): Junk & Junkyard Definitions - Junk and Junkyard Regulations

§19.08.355 Junk Definition,

"Junk" means any wormout, castoff, or discarded fabricated articles or materials which are stored outside of a building, which are no longer usable for the purpose on which they were made and which are ready for destruction or are being stored or collected for salvage or conversion to some other use. (Ord. 1135 §2, 1987).

§19.08.360 Junkyard Definition.

"Junkyard" means the outdoor storage or collection of more than two hundred square feet of junk on any area of any one lot or parcel whether for commercial or private use. Vehicle dismantling or wrecking operations shall be considered junkyards for the purposes of this section. Storage of more than two hundred square feet of scrap metals or other scrap materials shall be considered a junkyard. (Ord 1135 §4, 1987)

§19.48.130 Junk and Junkyard Regulations.

- It is unlawful for any person to establish a junkyard as defined in Section 19.08.360 of this code unless otherwise permitted in this code. Junkyards established contrary to this section shall be declared a public nuisance. Exceptions to the provisions of this subsection are:

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MASTERTON TODD PO BOX 105 FIDDLETOWN, CA 95629



### Code Enforcement Referral

Case Number, U.Z. 3 ........

April 14, 2022

**Property Owner:** 

Todd Masterton

**Address of Violation:** 17801 Old River Rd.

1/801 Old River Rd. Fiddletown, CA 95629 Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 105

Fiddletown, CA 95629

APN: 015-290-010

<u>VIOLATION:</u> The property is in violation of **Section 19.48.080** of the Amador County Code (see reverse) which regulates recreational vehicles and camping, and **19.08.130** regulating Junk and Junkyards.

### <u>Amador County Code Section(s): Recreational vehicles, mobile homes recreational vehicle parks and mobile home</u> parks.

§19.48.080(G) Recreational Vehicles.

- 1. No person may establish, use or occupy a camp, campsite or camping area for living or sleeping purposes in a recreational vehicle or otherwise except within an approved and authorized public or private recreational vehicle park or camping area which is equipped and operated for such use.
- 2. Exceptions to the provisions of this subsection are:
  - a. Temporary use and occupancy of recreational vehicles for such purposes is permitted on a private site owned by the use occupant, or with the written consent of the site owner, for a period not to exceed sixteen days in any calendar year.

### 19.48.130 Junk and junkyard regulations.

- A. It is unlawful for any person to establish a junkyard as defined in Section 19.08.360 of this code unless otherwise permitted in this code. Junkyards established contrary to this section shall be declared a public nuisance.
- B. Commercial junkyards may be established in the C2 heavy commercial district, the M manufacturing district and the X special use district with an approved use permit issued pursuant to Chapter 19.56 of this title.
- C. Junkyards found to be a legal, nonconforming use pursuant to Chapter 19.60 of this title shall continue to be considered a lawful use only if within eighteen months of notice from the Amador County planning department the junkyard is found to be adequately screened from view. Adequate screening shall be, at a minimum, a reasonably constructed fence or vegetative barrier which sufficiently blocks from public view any junk. (Ord. 1135 §5, 1987).

**RESOLUTION:** Any recreational vehicle/trailer needs to be unoccupied, with all hookups removed, and any slide outs closed. Junk and debris must be stored or removed from the property, or organized into a space less than or equal to 200 sq. ft. as permitted by County Code.

DATE OF ACTION	STATUS
February 8, 2022	Received complaint.
February 8, 2022	CEO Michelle went out to verify violations
March 11, 2022	Planning went for follow up inspection and was unable to locate the property of violation
March 25, 2022	CE verified property was still in violation, will forward case to CE.
April 12, 2022	Forwarding case to CE

Referral Approyed By:

Chuck Beatty, Planning Director

Office: (209)223-6522

Email: planning@amadorgov.org

Reported By:

Krista Ruesel, Planner

Office: (209)223-6380

Email: rbratan@amadorgov.org

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### CODE ENFORCEMENT COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER

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Telephone: (209) 223-6565

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED ABATEMENT OF CODE VIOLATIONS & NOTICE OF INTENT TO RECORD A NOTICE OF VIOLATION

USPS 1<sup>st</sup> CLASS MAIL POSTED ON PROPERTY

Date: May 6, 2022

To:

Todd Masterton PO Box 105

Fiddletown, CA 95629

Affected Property:

Assessor's Parcel Number: 015-290-010-000; CASE C22-8

Property Address: 17801 Old River Road, Fiddletown, CA 95689

From:

Michelle Gallaher, Code Enforcement Officer

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, pursuant to Amador County Code Section 2.06.080, that the undersigned intends to record a Notice of Violation in the Office of the Amador County Recorder thirty (30) days from the above date of this Notice. In addition, you are hereby notified, pursuant to Amador County Code Section 2.06.070 (Authority of Code Enforcement Officer) and 2.06.100 (Administrative abatement of violations), that the undersigned intends to abate the following violation at the owner's expense after **June 7, 2022**, for the violation of the following code section:

The alleged violation(s) is/are as follows:

### CODE SECTION(S):

- Amador County Code Section 19.48.080(G); Recreational Vehicles, mobile homes, recreational vehicle parks and mobile home parks.
  - No person may establish, use or occupy a camp, campsite or camping area for living or sleeping purposes in a recreational vehicle or otherwise except within an approved and authorized public or private recreational vehicle park or camping area which is equipped and operated for such use.
  - Exceptions to the provisions of this subsection are:

    Temporary use and occupancy of recreational vehicles for such purposes is permitted on a private site owned by the use occupant, or with the written consent of the site owner, for a period not to exceed sixteen days in any calendar year.

### DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION(S):

> Occupying trailer on property for the use of a living space.

### TO REMEDY THESE VIOLATIONS:

- > You are hereby ordered to cease the violation and take action to properly remove the recreational trailer from the property or secure it to prevent unlawful occupancy. All connections (water, power, septic) must be completely removed. If trailer has slide outs or pop outs or step is out, they must be closed completely.
- A final inspection is scheduled for June 7, 2022 at 10:00AM. If the property is found to be in violation and/or if nobody is present at the inspection to grant me access to the property OR consent is denied to enter said property, a warrant will be obtained for final inspection and the case will go before the Amador County Hearing Board for abatement action.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED you have a right to a hearing before the Amador County Hearing Board on the issue of whether or not one or more violations exist. In order to have such a hearing, you must make a written request for hearing and deliver that request to the undersigned within fifteen (15) days from the date of this Notice of Proposed Abatement. If you fail to make a timely request for a hearing in writing, your right to a hearing shall be deemed waived, and the matter will be forwarded to the Hearing Board for a determination and recommendation to the Amador County Board of Supervisors on the alleged violation(s). If the Board of Supervisors determines that a violation exists, the Amador County Board of Supervisors shall give notice thereof to you and may proceed to abate the violations at your expense including all cost incurred by the County for the physical abatement as well as administrative and investigating costs.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact this office at (209) 223-6565 Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Gallaher

Code Enforcement Officer

Attached: 2.06.070 Authority of code enforcement officers

2.06.080 Recording of notices of violations 2.06.100 Administrative abatement of violations Code of Civil Procedures Section 1822.57

### 2.06.070 Authority of code enforcement officers.

Upon receipt of any violation referred to the code enforcement division by an affected department, the code enforcement officer shall evaluate the case, and determine, in conjunction with the county counsel or the district attorney when appropriate, the proper means of eliminating the violation. This may include, without limitation:

- A. Taking administrative action including the recording of a notice of violation (Section 2.06.080); and
- B. Commencing an administrative abatement proceeding (Section 2.06.090); and
- C. Filing and prosecuting a criminal case or issuing a citation (Section 2.06.110); and
- D. Requesting that the board of supervisors authorize the filing of civil litigation to enjoin or abate the violation; or
- E. Any combination of administrative action, citation, criminal prosecution, and/or civil litigation. After the code enforcement officer has accepted the case, the code enforcement officer and not the affected department shall have the responsibility to enforce the provisions of the state law or any ordinance which have been violated. (Ord. 1474 §2(part), 1999).

### 2.06.080 Recording of notices of violations.

The code enforcement officer shall provide notice of his/her intent to record a notice of violation ("notice of intent") to all owners and possessors of the premises as said owners/possessors are shown on the most recent assessment roll. The notice of intent shall be given by posting a copy of the notice of intent in a conspicuous place on the premises and by mailing by first class mail a copy thereof to the owners at the address shown on the assessment roll and to the possessors at the premises.

- A. Such notice of intent shall state that the code enforcement officer intends to record a notice of violation in the office of the county recorder thirty days from the date of the notice of intent and that the owner and possessor each has the right to a hearing before the hearing board on the issue of whether or not a violation exists. A request for such hearing must be made in writing by the owner or possessor and delivered to the code enforcement officer within fifteen days from the date of the notice of intent; and
- B. The hearing by the hearing board need not be conducted according to technical rules relating to evidence and witnesses. Any relevant evidence may be admitted if it is the sort of evidence on which responsible persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs. The hearing board may act only on the basis of evidence introduced at the hearing. A full and fair hearing shall be accorded the charge. There shall be reasonable opportunity for the presentation of evidence, the cross-examination of all witnesses, argument, and rebuttal; and

- C. In the event a hearing is not requested within the time specified, or if after a hearing a determination is made by the hearing board that one or more violations exist on the property and that such violations have not been corrected, the code enforcement officer may record a notice of violation which:
  - 1. Contains a description of the premises; and
  - 2. States with particularity the violation(s) found to exist on the premises
- D. If the violation has been corrected satisfactorily to the affected department, the code enforcement officer shall issue a notice of expungement of the violation to the owner/possessor and record such expungement at the owner's expense. (Ord. 1474 §2(part), 1999).

### 2.06.100 Administrative abatement of violations.

Whenever the code enforcement officer has knowledge of a violation he/she may provide a notice of proposed abatement to all owners and/or possessors of the premises in the manner set forth in Section <u>2.06.080</u> A and B of this chapter.

- A. Such notice of proposed abatement shall state that the code enforcement officer intends to abate the violation at the owner's expense thirty days from the date of the notice and that the owner and possessor each has the right to a prior hearing before the hearing board on the issue of whether or not a violation exists on the premises. A request for such hearing must be made in writing by the owner or possessor and delivered to the code enforcement officer within fifteen days from the date of notice of proposed abatement; and
- B. The hearing shall be conducted in the manner set forth in Section 2.06.080 C; and
- C. In the event a hearing is not requested within the time specified, or if after a hearing a determination is made by the hearing board that one or more violations exist on the property and that such violations have not been corrected, the code enforcement officer shall transmit the hearing board's recommendation to the board of supervisors; and
- D. The board of supervisors may adopt the hearing board's recommendation without further notice or hearing or may set aside the matter for hearing de novo before the board of supervisors; and
- E. If the board of supervisors adopts the hearing board's recommendation, the board of supervisors shall give notice thereof to the owner and possessor and proceed to abate the violation at the owner's expense; and
- F. If the board of supervisors sets the matter for a hearing de novo it shall provide notice thereof in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06.080 A and B of this chapter and conduct the hearing pursuant to Section 2.06.080 C of this chapter; and

- G. If the board of supervisors finds that the violation exists the board of supervisors shall order the violation to be abated by the owner at the owner's expense. If the owner fails to obey the abatement order, the board of supervisors may abate the violation using county workers or by contract all at the expense of the owner; and
- H. The owner shall be liable for all costs of abatement incurred by the county including but not limited to administrative and investigative costs and any and all costs incurred in the physical abatement of the violation; and
- I. In any action, proceeding, or administrative proceeding to abate a violation the county or the alleged violator, whoever is the prevailing party, shall be entitled to the amount of reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred in the action or proceeding; and
- J. If the owner fails to pay the costs of the abatement upon demand by the county, the board of supervisors may order the costs of the assessment to be specially assessed against the premises. The assessment may be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary county taxes are collected, and shall be subject to the same penalties and the same procedure and sale in case of delinquency as are provided for ordinary county taxes. All laws applicable to the levy, collection, and enforcement of county taxes are applicable to the special assessment; and
- K. If the board of supervisors specifically assesses the cost of abatement against the premises, the board also may cause a notice of abatement lien to be recorded. This notice of abatement lien shall, at a minimum, identify the record owner or possessor of property, set forth the last known address of the record owner or possessor, set forth the date upon which abatement of the violation was ordered by the board of supervisors and the date the abatement was complete, and include a description of the real property subject to the lien and the amount of the abatement cost. (Ord. 1474 §2(part), 1999).

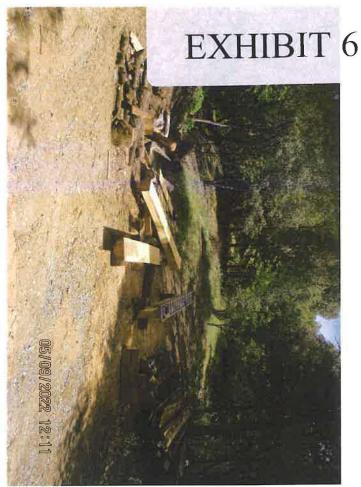
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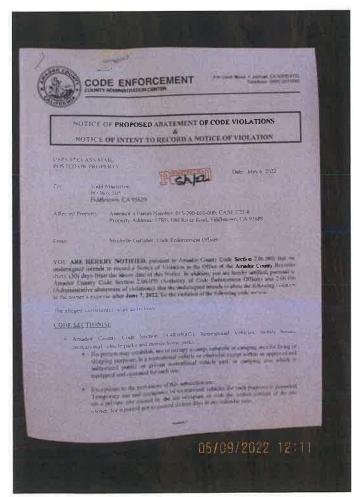
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Any person who willfully refuses to permit an inspection lawfully authorized by warrant issued pursuant to this title is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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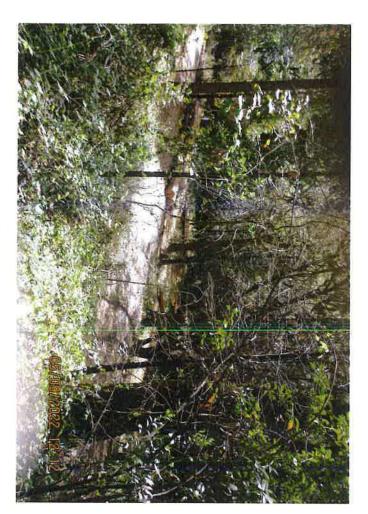






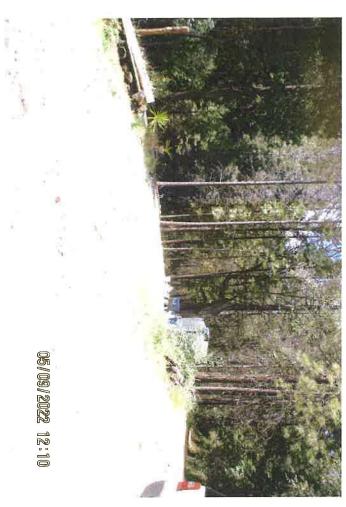


















### TODD MASTERTON 14466 FIDDLETOWN Rd.

Fiddletown, CA

95629

From: Todd Masterton

To: Michelle Gallaher

Subj: Notice of proposed abatement of code violation, parcel number 015-290-010-000

Hello Michelle,

I am writing to you to request a hearing, for the violation I have been notified of. I am a retired Marine Master Sergeant, with 21 years of active service. I purchased this property to build my home on. The COVID stopped the progress, and forced many out of their homes, to include some of my extended family. I took my family in to help them get back on their feet, and since have been spending a lot of time on my property at 17801, but do not consider this my place of residence as I have quarters at my home in town.

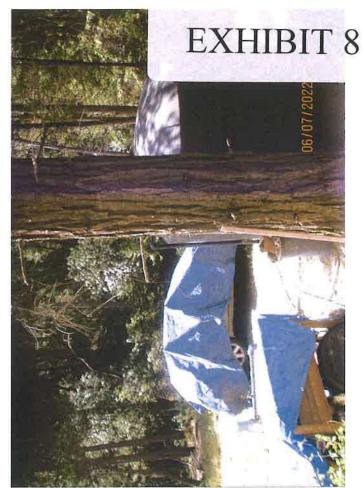
If I could, I would like a little bit of help to keep my life and family afloat while we transition back into our normal life. I do not wish to receive a fine for my wrong doings, as I thought the property that I bought and paid for was mine and could spend as much time as I like there. I have had a well and septic installed by well known professionals, Fred Waters Well Services, and Ron Lubenkos "shanendoah excavation".

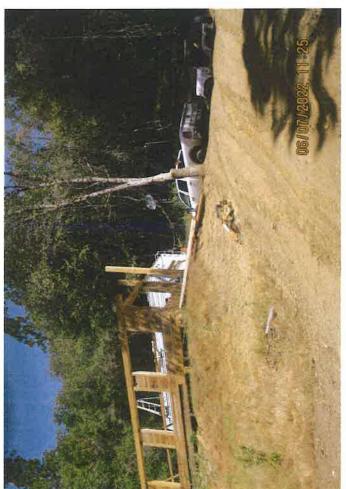
I would like to talk to someone who can give me the do's and don't's of owning property, as I did not know I couldn't be on it. The notices sent to me and posted on a tree on my property are very disconcerting, especially when it comes to putting a family of six out on the street. I just don't think I could live with myself for doing that as I spent the better part of my life protecting our rights and freedom...I am very troubled by the thought of that.

Please see that I have no intent to live in my trailer, and that when it comes to health and sanitation, I think I've got it covered, and if there is any way to avoid a hearing please advise as I do not intend to break laws, but maybe just find a happy medium. I love my property and look forward to beautifying it throughout the years.

Very Sincerely,













### NOTICE OF ABATEMENT HEARING DATE

USPS FIRST CLASS MAIL

June 13, 2022

To:

Todd Masterton

PO Box 105

Fiddletown, CA 95629

Affected Property:

Assessor's Parcel Number: 015-290-010-000; CASE C22-8

Property Address: 17801 Old River Road, Fiddletown, CA 95689

From:

Michelle Gallaher, Code Enforcement Officer

An Administrative Abatement Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. in the Amador County Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Administration Center located at 810 Court Street, Jackson, California to hear your case in regard to the above-referenced property for occupied trailer violations.

Attached is the documentation that will be given to the Hearing Board for review. We have provided a copy for your records.

If you have any questions regarding the hearing, or if you would like to request and inspection prior to the hearing, you may reach me at (209) 223-6565 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Monday through Friday).

Sincerely,

Michelle Gallaher

Code Enforcement Officer

810 Court Street • Jackson, CA 95642-2132 Telephone: (209) 223-6565

### **NOTICE OF ABATEMENT REVIEW HEARING**

June 24, 2022

To:

Todd Masterton

PO Box 105

Fiddletown, CA 95629

Affected Property:

Assessor's Parcel Number: 015-290-010-000; CASE C22-8

Property Address: 17801 Old River Road, Fiddletown, CA 95689

From:

Michelle Gallaher, Code Enforcement Officer

As you recall, an Administrative Abatement Hearing was held on June 23, 2022. The Hearing Board found that County code violations regarding the occupied trailer existed on the property and recommended an abatement order be issued after 60 days. It will now move forward to the Board of Supervisor for final enforcement.

The final Administrative Abatement Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 10:30 A.M. in the Amador County Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Administration Center located at 810 Court Street, Jackson, California to hear your case in regard to the above-referenced property violation(s). Please allow 2-3 hours from time noted above for case to be heard. If you cannot make it in person, please contact Code Enforcement and go to <a href="https://www.amadorgov.org/government/board-of-supervisors">https://www.amadorgov.org/government/board-of-supervisors</a> to obtain the zoom link for the date your hearing is scheduled.

Per our discussion, please continue to show good faith towards compliance. This can be done by either securing your trailer and disconnecting connections from further illegal occupancy or submit plans to build a legal residential house and submit for a use permit to live in a trailer while building. This use permit is only if you are going to build a house and not just storage. Finally, if you plan to do just storage you will need to get a permit for the structure and bring it to code.

If you have any questions regarding the hearing, or if you would like to request and inspection prior to the hearing, you may reach me at (209) 223-6565 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Monday through Friday).

If you have any questions regarding the hearing you may reach me at (209)-223-6565 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Monday through Friday).

Sincerely,

Michelle Gallaher

Code Enforcement Officer

Attached: Findings & Recommendation signed