

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF PLANTATION

**Circle One:** MAYOR / SPECIAL MAGISTRATE

REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF FINE

If the property is not in compliance, the Mayor/Magistrate will not consider a request for reduction.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please fill in the pages of this form completely. Be specific when writing your statement. If you need additional space to respond to the questions and explain your position to the Mayor/Magistrate, you may attach additional sheets as necessary. **Please return it to the City Clerk of the City of Plantation, City Hall, 400 NW 73rd Avenue, Plantation, Florida 33317 along with the Nonrefundable \$500 application fee.** The petition will then be presented to the Mayor/Special Magistrate in accordance with City Code. You will be notified in writing of the Mayor/Magistrate's decision within 10 days after the hearing. If you are claiming medical or financial hardship, attach supporting documentation (i.e., a doctor's statement or proof of income). If you have any questions please call the issuing department for your case (Building Department at 954-797-2714 or Code Enforcement 954-797-2267). A copy of the complete agenda package for this will be available upon request three (3) days prior to the scheduled hearing. The Mayor/Magistrate will consider requests for reduction only one time for each case. The Mayor/Magistrate's decision shall be their final action on the case.

Property Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Hardship Claimed

Medical \_\_\_\_\_ Financial \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Date the property owner claims compliance with the Board/Magistrate's order was achieved

\_\_\_\_\_

YOU SHOULD BE PRESENT AT THE HEARING TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE MAGISTRATE MAY HAVE CONCERNING THIS REQUEST. YOUR ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE MAGISTRATE WILL BE IN RESPONSE TO THEIR QUESTIONS. IT IS IN YOUR BEST INTEREST TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THIS FORM AND ANY ATTACHMENTS COMPLETELY SET FORTH YOUR POSITION.

Complete the statements on pages 2 - 4. You should include the reasons why you did not comply with the Board/Magistrate's Order within the time specified.

This section to be completed by Code Compliance Division:

Number of days property in non-compliance \_\_\_\_\_ at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per day. Total fine \$ \_\_\_\_\_ . Costs incurred to prosecute this case \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A lien has / has not been filed.

1. How have you attempted to cooperate with City personnel to achieve compliance of the Board/Magistrate's order?

2. Did you or your representative appear at the Board/Magistrate's previous hearings concerning this matter? If not, please state the specific reasons you did not appear at the hearing(s) and whether you notified City personnel of the fact you would not be appearing.

3. Have you ever been (previous to this case) found by the Code Enforcement Board or Special Magistrate to be in violation of the section of the Code of Ordinances which is the subject matter of the present case? If so, please advise what your response to the previous violation was.

4. Do you claim a homestead exemption on the property that is the subject of this case?

5. Were you the owner of the property at the time the Code Enforcement case against the property began? If not, did you become aware of the Code Enforcement proceedings, order, or lien, prior to recording title to the property?

6. What other liens exist against the property which is the subject matter of this Code Enforcement Board/Special Magistrate case?

7. Has the property been abandoned?

8. Is the property in need of rehabilitation?

9. Is the City's lien interfering with the sale or rehabilitation of the property or will it prevent the property from being conveyed to a new owner?

**Bank foreclosure acquired property:**

1. When did the bank become aware that the property was subject to code enforcement efforts by Plantation?

2. What efforts did the bank take to contact the borrower or homeowner to resolve the code problems and does the bank have any evidence memorializing these efforts?

3. If the homeowner refused to take corrective action, did the bank ever request permission of the homeowner to take correction action so as to protect its mortgaged security, and if so, what evidence does the bank have that memorializes this effort?

4. If the homeowner refused to allow the bank to take action to correct the code violation, did the bank avail itself of potential judicial remedies so as to obtain an appropriate order authorizing this action? If so, when was the order applied for and when was it obtained?

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby submit this petition in request for a reduction in the fine imposed and in support offer the following statement:

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**THE UNDERSIGNED ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE CITY HAS ADOPTED A DISCRETIONARY PROCEDURE FOR THE REDUCTION OF FINES ONCE COMPLIANCE IS ACHIEVED AND THAT THE CITY IS NOT REQUIRED TO REDUCE FINES. THE UNDERSIGNED AGREES TO WAIVE ANY RIGHTS TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF ANY DECISION MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 6-11(h), PLANTATION CITY CODE, AS A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO FILING THIS REQUEST FOR FINE REDUCTION. THE UNDERSIGNED FURTHER CERTIFIES THAT THIS WAIVER IS DONE KNOWINGLY, FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF FLORIDA \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

SWORN TO (OR AFFIRMED) and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of person making statement).

Personally known to me \_\_\_\_\_ OR Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Signature

My commission expires: