

**TRANSCRIPT OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
NUISANCE HEARING OFFICER MEETING
Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Meeting
Santa Fe County Administrative Complex
Plaza Conference Room, 2nd Floor
240 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501**

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1. Opening Business:

A. Call to Order: The meeting of the Santa Fe County Public Nuisance Hearing Officer meeting was convened by Hearing Officer John Ziegler on the above-cited date at approximately at 3:00 p.m. in the Santa Fe County Administrative Complex, 240 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501.

Hearing Officer Ziegler introduced himself offering that he is the County's Nuisance Hearing Officer, that this matter is being recorded and the hearing is being held pursuant to Ordinance Number 2023-04, and Resolution 2024-118 and 156. The issue is whether there is a violation of the Nuisance Ordinance.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Good afternoon, everyone. I'm John Ziegler, the County's Nuisance Hearing Officer. This is being recorded. We are here today regarding two properties, 13 Richies Lane and 18 Callejoncito. A notice of hearing each property was sent out

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by my office on August 5, 2026 for the ____ (0:01:03) properties by US mail and US return receipt mail. I understand that public notices for both properties were posted in the legal section of the New Mexican. The hearing is being held pursuant to Ordinance Number 2023-04, and Resolution 2024-118 and 156. The issue is whether there was a violation of the Nuisance Ordinance. For both matters, the County has the burden to prove violation of the Ordinance by a preponderance. Resolution 156 has the rules for this hearing. To summarize, it's an informal hearing. The rules of discovery and evidence don't apply. Irrelevant, immaterial, and the like may be excluded. I give the appropriate weight to all relevant and material evidence. Each party can present at most a 20-minute opening statement. The County will go first and then if the owner or occupant desires, they can go next. The County will then present its case. The County will call witnesses and then the owner occupant can cross-examine them. The owner occupant can then present his or her case once the County is done. Closing statements by each side can be made if they choose, they don't have to. All individuals testifying shall be under oath. Then after the hearing closes, I have five working days to issue a decision. What are your names?

LYDIA ARCHULETA: Mine's Lydia Archuleta, and I'm here with 13 Callejoncito.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay.

DONALD HERRERA: I'm Donald Herrera.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: I'm sorry?

MS. ARCHULETA: Donald Herrera.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay. Same property?

MS. ARCHULETA: That is correct.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay. Do you either of you plan to testify, or do you both of you plan to testify?

MS. ARCHULETA: No, I just want to ask some questions and learn ____ (0:03:09). ____ how long we have ____ (0:03:12).

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay. Well, in case you testify, let me just put you under oath. Would each of you raise your right hands? Do you swear that the testimony you're about to give in this case shall be the truth and nothing but the truth?

[Lydia Archuleta and Donald Herrera were duly sworn, County Code Enforcement Investigator Robert Hollingsworth was also duly sworn]

MS. ARCHULETA: Yes.

MR. HERRERA: Yes.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay, thank you. There's nobody online that will testify? Okay. So, with that, I'll turn it over to the County to decide which property they want to handle first.

ROBERT HOLLINGSWORTH (Senior Code Enforcement Officer): We'll do Number

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18 since the relatives of 18 Callejoncito is here.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Then I'll hold off on 13 because the property owner isn't here yet. He is claiming he's going to be a few minutes late.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Got it. Okay.

2. New Business:

B. Case No. 26-8087 – 18 Callejoncito – Jose T. Herrera/Code Enforcement Team Leader Robert Hollingsworth. This case involves the property located at 18 Callejoncito and concerns ongoing violations of Santa Fe County Ordinance No. 2023-04, including abandoned or inoperable vehicles, accumulated trash and debris, and substandard building conditions. Despite multiple notices, property postings, and opportunities to achieve voluntary compliance, the documented nuisance conditions remain unresolved and no responsible party has taken meaningful corrective action. Santa Fe County Code Enforcement is therefore requesting authorization to bring the property into compliance and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding community.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Good afternoon, Hearing Officer Ziegler. I'm Team Leader Robert Hollingsworth, Santa Fe County Code Enforcement. I represent the Case 26-8087 regarding the property located at 18 Callejoncito, owned by Jose T. Herrera. This case involves ongoing violations under the public Nuisance Abatement Ordinance 2023-04, including abandoned or inoperable vehicles, accumulating trash, debris and substandard building conditions. Oh, we'll continue on?

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Is that your opening or...

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Yes.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Oh, okay.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Yes, that was my opening, sir.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Do either of you want to present an opening, and you don't have to?

MS. ARCHULETA: No.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay.

MS. ARCHULETA: No.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: So, I'll let you go on and continue on.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Okay. We'll start off with Exhibit A, where we received a formal complaint. It was entered into the GeoCivix as such under Project 2128105 indicating the property at 18 Callejoncito for various Litter Ordinance and Nuisance Ordinance. The constituent claims that it was a real dump. Upon receiving the complaint, Exhibit B, on April 29, 2026 at 1:49 p.m., I went out to the property to conduct an initial inspection. I'll let my presenters get caught up. This is where I found the abandoned vehicle, identifying Callejoncito

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Road on Exhibit 2. Exhibit 3 is when I issued an initial notification of complaint to the property on Exhibit 3 and 4. It was on Exhibit 5 of 18 I found the residence identified as 18, with the gate open. Didn't appear to be anybody there, on Exhibit B, page 6. So, I initially take photos of the front, which would be Exhibit 7, Exhibit 8, and Exhibit 9 where I did see the abandoned vehicle and trash, tires and other debris in front of the residence. As I continued on with going inside, taking photos, Exhibit 10 shows various other metals, scraps, tires, refrigerator and other debris on the property. All this is located in the front of the residence at 18 Callejoncito. As I moved forward, there was a motorcycle that appeared to be inoperable, various debris and trash. In the background, there was a substandard mobile home in the back on the right of the exhibit. On Exhibit B, Number 11 of 18, I continued with the front. On Page 12, Exhibit B, Page 12, taking photographs of the property on the side of the of the yard. I moved towards the back of the property. On Exhibit B, Number 13 of 18 where there was unknown hazardous materials like gasoline containers. There's metals, trash, debris and other items on the property. Once I got the initial photographs to validate the complaint, I actually went to the front door, which would be Exhibit B, Page 15 of 18. I tried attempting to knock and then I left a notice of the complaint on the door taking a photograph.

Since I did not get anybody at the door to answer, I continued on with the photographs. Exhibit B, Page 16, Page 17 and Page 18 of 18, I continued taking photographs of the trash, debris, and the junk on the property, respectively. As I returned back to the office, I did do an Inspectional Report validating the code violation. That would be Exhibit C, Page 1 of 6. I included the initial report and the photos of the validation of the violation. The same photographs that were taken for Exhibit B, I used those photos in the initial report. Exhibit D, the Warranty Deed. I was able to verify that the warranty still belonged to a Jose T. Herrera, who was the property owner still on file. Verifying further information with the Treasurer's Office, it did verify that Jose T. Herrera was the property owner and that there was a delinquency of taxes which would be Exhibit E, Page 1 of 1. Based on the dates from 2024 to 2025, it seemed kind of unusual that I hadn't, I suspected that he might have passed or some other circumstances. He might have been hospitalized or something like that, but upon further investigation, I found out that the property owner, which is Exhibit F, 1 of 2, is that he passed away February 25, 2012. So, this was his obituary that I have as Exhibit F. Upon verifying that information, I issued a notice of violation. I used the Route 1 Box 113 from the Assessor's Office and actually 18 Callejoncito issuing a notice of violation dated April 30, 2026, that'll be Exhibit G, Page 1 of 7. I indicated all the violations under the Property Nuisance Abatement Ordinance under Section 3, the abandoned and inoperable motor vehicles and general nuisances, the accumulation, collection, dumping, and stockpiling of any garbage, trash, litter, debris, rubbish, tires, appliances, junk, or other materials. Then I also added Section 4 of the Substandard Building Conditions, which constitute a nuisance both A 1 through 11 and B 1 through 5 due to the mobile home that's in disarray. There's no power, no water. The doors and windows were open. I did send that by certified mail. Then I also took a copy of the notes of violation. Under

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Exhibit H, 1 of 30 exhibits, I went back, I posted the notice of the violation at the residence. As I posted it, I was able to continue on to take more photographs of the property. I actually posted the notice of violation on the door along as you can see in Exhibit H, Page 5 of 30, with the Notice of Complaint that I originally stuck on the door was still there. So, I posted the notice of violation on the door itself. That goes up to Exhibit H, Page 7.

I was able to get closer at that time to the mobile home or RV. It looked like a mobile home to me. As you can tell it's in disarray, there's no power and water, no electric. The windows are busted out, the doors are busted out on Exhibit H, Page 8 of 30 and Exhibit H, Page 9 of 30. I continued on taking photographs of the mobile home, of Exhibit H, Page 10 of 30. Since the door was open, I took a photograph on the outside. Just a general picture on the inside which was Exhibit H, Page 11 of 30.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: I'm sorry. Let me interrupt. Are there two structures on there? A mobile home and a RV? Or is it just one structure?

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: It's a mobile home. Yeah, I mean, I might have mistaken it as an RV, but it is a mobile home.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: So, what I'm looking at in Exhibit H, Page 8, is that the same as what I see in Exhibit C, Page 30?

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Exhibit...The what? Exhibit H, Page 3?

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Exhibit C, Page 3, looking at four pictures on that page, lower left.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Oh, that's actually part of the residence.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: I didn't verify if that was permitted because this is the main residence, I don't know if they did an addition to that.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: So...

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: So, there's a residence and then what we'll call an RV or a mobile home...

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: On the right.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Correct.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Is the residence, any part of this as it relates to A 1 through 11?

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: No, because I'm not able to go...

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: I wasn't able to go inside to verify the conditions of the residence. All I know is there's no power, there's no water or anything else.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay. So, the A 1 through 11 which relates to the mobile home/RV, whatever it is? Got it. Okay. I'm sorry. Go ahead.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: No, no, no. No, that was fine sir. Going back to Exhibit H, Page 11 and 12, continues a smaller mobile home where you see damage of the mobile home with no windows and no doors. I continued on to the back of the residence. As you can tell with the Exhibits H Number 13, Number 14 and Number 15 and then 16, you can see that I was able to get the entire backyard. You can see clearly debris, trash, and unknown other materials in different containers. Then there was an opening in the back of the fence. That's where I continued on. Once I went past the back of the fence, I was able to, on Exhibit H, H17,18, and 19 continued on with more of the trash in the back where the fence was down. Then as I came back up, on Exhibit H, Page 20 of 30, I took the back end of the mobile home portion in the backyard and then I turned around and I took a direct photograph in the back, walking where the trail continued on, on property. As you can clearly see on the exhibits, there was a continuation of trash, debris, tires, and so on and so forth on that. On Exhibit H, there was a little camper that was destroyed or placed there and left there. That was part of the property. As I continued on, I took photographs of that, both on the left and the right side. I moved forward towards more of the back. You can see various, yeah, right there. You see more metals, debris, trash, that's going on the other side of the fence. Go ahead to the next one. Then this is where the fence was pushed down from the property in order to put the additional trash and stuff like that from that property in the back in an attempt to hide it or push it. That'd be Exhibit H, Page 27 of 30. Exhibit 28, I just continued to take a few more photos. Then 29, I took another photo of the mobile home and then I went out towards the phone connection I think, or the additional power. It was disconnected, on the Exhibit H, 30 of 30.

SPEAKER1: ____ (0:21:07).

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Yeah, I didn't make it clear on the main residence. I wasn't looking at the main residence and stuff. So, for some reason Exhibit I did not pop up, but it was a return of service on the certified letter that no one signed for. I do have the original showing that it was unclaimed. I don't know why it didn't pop up. Then, on June 1, 2026, on Exhibit J, Page 1 of 9, I issued a notice of written order to the property owner both in that Route 1 Box 113 and for property 18 Callejoncito Road on June 1, 2026. What's indicated is the same initial information for the notice of violation, indicating the same violations, but as a Notice of Written Order. On that same day, it was sent by certified mail, but on May 27, 2026, since I didn't get a response and I took the Notice of Written Order, on Exhibit K 1 through 9, I went back to the property and I placed a Notice of Written Order in front of the property. Because knew I wasn't going to receive any information or receive anybody to respond, I went ahead and I posted the notice written order on that date on that property, and I took photos of it, respectively.

So, on Exhibit K, Page 8 of 9, then on 9 of 9, it looked like somebody took down the Notice of Violation and also the Notice of Complaint. Then there was an unknown extension cord coming from the door, which indicated to me that maybe it's water or somebody living in there that's not allowed. Then Exhibit M was your official hearing, which is sent via e-mail,

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which was a Notice of Public Hearing. Then the last is the actual resolution of Exhibit M, the public nuisance meeting, a copy of that. Exhibit N is the posting with the Santa Fe New Mexican, Page 1 of 3 showing that it was properly posted in the newspaper. Then on August 10, 2026, I went back out and I placed a Public Notice. Exhibit O, showing that it was properly posted on the property, having the same information. Again, when I tried knocking on the doors, nobody would answer. Actually, every time I did go to the property to post something or put it on the door, I did knock. I still had not received anybody coming to the door or calling. I did have other family members that are here now that did later on call me, and those are the only ones that had responded. Then Exhibit P is the actual Ordinance itself that I included in this case.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Does that complete your testimony?

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Yes.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: You now have the opportunity to ask him questions based on what he just said. Do you have any questions? You don't have to.

[Duly sworn, Lydia Archuleta and Donald Herrera, testified as follows:] (0:25:58)

MS. ARCHULETA: The only question I have is that I understand that all you had were pictures of the old trailer, there abandoned trailer. The residence, you didn't go into that because nobody answered the door...

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: No, right.

MS. ARCHULETA: ...it was locked. Okay.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Right, and based on the fact that the meter was taken off and there was no power...

MS. ARCHULETA: Right. As far as I know, there has not been anybody there within two to three months.

MR. HERRERA: Or more I think.

MS. ARCHULETA: Maybe even more, off and on, you know. A neighbor, one of the other neighbors said that she's seen activity there, but I haven't. I live on 19 Callejoncito...

MR. HERRERA: That's right across.

MS. ARCHULETA: Right across, but my view to the house is kind of blocked. You know, I've got walls and all that, so I don't, I don't see anybody coming in or out, you know? Other than that, my nephew has not been seen...

MR. HERRERA: ____ (0:26:53).

MS. ARCHULETA: ...and I do not know where he is.

MR. HERRERA: I haven't seen him at all.

MS. ARCHULETA: As far as I know, he has abandoned the place.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Okay.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay. Do you have anything else to present?

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Oh, in conclusion based on the evidence that Santa Fe

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County's presented, I respectfully request that the Hearing Officer upholds the County findings. I recommend proceeding with the clean and lien provisions under Section 10.C(5) of the 2023 Public Nuisance Abatement Ordinance.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay. Now it's your turn to make any statements you want. I know you've already talked a little bit. Let me understand your role as it relates to the property.

MS. ARCHULETA: I'm the sister of Mr. Herrera, Mr. ____ (0:27:41).

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay.

MS. ARCHULETA: He was my older brother...

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay.

MS. ARCHULETA: ...and the property was acquired through my mom and my dad. They deeded the property him at that point back in 2012, I guess or 2010, whenever it was. When he passed away, there was a time there where nobody showed. I mean, not the son, they were living up in Rio Rancho, and one of my other brothers had attempted to purchase the property and renovate the existing house, which was a trailer, but they added on a porch and all that which was more or less on a slab. It wasn't, you couldn't move it anymore. So, unfortunately, he didn't do any papers on it. So, he was paying to him on a monthly basis, but nothing came of it because before we knew it about him, my brother, the one that was purchasing the property, passed away in 2016. So, within that time frame 2012 and 2016, Joey the son came and took it over. He said that no there was no notice that he had paid anything so on. Since then, we have just kind of kept away. We don't associate with him too much, unfortunately. He is my nephew, but he's bad company to me. You know, we kind of just shy away from each other, you know, but they do have the right-of-way to pass right through my house so that in itself is a nuisance. We had, they had people coming in and out day and night, you know, and no matter what I asked or how, in what fashion I asked to slow it down, they didn't take any, they didn't care. So, I'm assuming that he doesn't care at this point if he didn't transfer the papers when he should've. I don't know. Do we have a recourse? I know that I think I spoke to Mr. Hollingsworth and you told me that we do have, any family member has a right to clean up the area....

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Correct.

MS. ARCHULETA: But once we're cleaning it up, I mean, we're still doing it under his name. He still has a right to come back and say, "Hey, he was my dad. You know, I just didn't register the property." So, he still has the chance to come to the County and register it under his name?

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Well, to my knowledge, the property has never went into probate either and stuff.

MS. ARCHULETA: No.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: So, I don't see...

MS. ARCHULETA: As far as I know, I don't think so.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: So, yeah, that would be a battle in itself there.

MS. ARCHULETA: Yeah. Because I know that one of my nephews is kind of interested in it and he's not here, he's in Arizona. So, he, himself has some other questions that he wanted raised, but I don't know he got in virtual. He was going to do a virtual meeting. Other than that, I have nothing else to say other than I myself am not interested in acquiring the property. I'm already 83 and I'm not going to get in there and do a demolition or anything like that, but if there is another family member, they do have the right to go in and do the cleanup. Do they have to register it under their name before they start cleaning up in order to assure that it is...

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: If they want to start cleaning, you can clean it.

MS. ARCHULETA: I mean, yeah, I understand that.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Yeah.

MS. ARCHULETA: I understand that I can go in and clean all I want, you know, but without papers, that property could still be transferred to his son?

SPEAKER2: We can't talk about that. I don't think we can answer any of your probate questions.

MS. ARCHULETA: That's not something that you can answer?

SPEAKER2: No.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Yeah, you'd have to go through Probate Court to get the...

MS. ARCHULETA: Okay, that would go through Probate Court? .

SPEAKER2: Yeah, we can't advise.

MS. ARCHULETA: At the point that somebody from the family did want it, the first thing that they should probably do is go through a Probate Court and do a quick claim deed or...

SPEAKER2: We can't give you legal advice.

MS. ARCHULETA: You can't?

SPEAKER2: No.

MS. ARCHULETA: Okay.

SPEAKER2: Yeah, all we can tell you is talk to an attorney about how to...

MS. ARCHULETA: The violations that are going, I see.

SPEAKER2: Well, not the violations, but how to acquire the property or if you want to do that because we can't give you any legal advice beyond...

MS. ARCHULETA: Right.

SPEAKER2: ...what's happening with the nuisance today.

MS. ARCHULETA: Okay.

SPEAKER2: Okay.

MS. ARCHULETA: That's all the questions I have.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay. If that's it from your side, do you have anything to add based on what she said or asked?

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MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: No, I haven't seen his son. So, I don't know anything about him, to be honest with you.

MS. ARCHULETA: I know that a lot of the cars or vehicles are with the fence that are in the backyard belonged to us because they were ripping us off...

MR. HERRERA: Yeah.

MS. ARCHULETA: ...left and right. We don't have the right to go in and take what was ours at this point? Best not to?

SPEAKER2: That's not a question we can answer.

MS. ARCHULETA: Okay.

SPEAKER2: You know, property rights, we can't tell you.

MS. ARCHULETA: Yeah. Okay.

SPEAKER2: Yeah.

MS. ARCHULETA: So, who do we go to get those questions answered?

SPEAKER2: You'll need to talk to an attorney.

MS. ARCHULETA: An attorney? Okay, sounds good.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay, well, it looks like both sides are done and so that will complete the matter for this property. So, close the record and I'll have five working days to issue a decision, and I appreciate you coming today.

MS. ARCHULETA: The decision is posted online to where we can get the information after the fact?

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Yes.

MS. ARCHULETA: ____ (0:33:28).

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: I'll be able to send you...

MS. ARCHULETA: Okay.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: ...a copy of it.

MS. ARCHULETA: So...

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: If you e-mail me...

MS. ARCHULETA: Yes.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: ...I will send you copy of it

MS. ARCHULETA: Alright, sounds good. I guess that's all we have.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Thank you.

MS. ARCHULETA: Thank you.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Have a very good day.

MS. ARCHULETA: Mm hmm. We don't get one of these now?

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Yeah, that's yours. I made that for you.

MS. ARCHULETA: Okay, thank you.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Thank you. So, now we'll move to 13 Richie's Lane.

SPEAKER3: ____ (0:34:08).

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- A. Case No. 26-8072 – 13 Richies Ln – Danny Romero/Code Enforcement Team Leader Robert Hollingsworth. Santa Fe County Enforcement initiated Case No. 26-8072 concerning the property located at 13 Richies Lane following a complaint regarding excessive garbage and debris, abandoned or inoperable vehicles, recreational vehicles, open storage, and other nuisance conditions on the property. Subsequent inspections confirmed continuing conditions alleged to violate multiple provisions of the Santa Fe County Property Nuisance Abatement Ordinance No. 2023-04, and despite formal notices and opportunities for voluntary compliance, the documented nuisance conditions have not been fully corrected. The matter is therefore being presented to the Public Nuisance Hearing Officer for consideration of appropriate enforcement action and potential abatement necessary to bring the property into compliance and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding community.**

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Thank you. Let me give you a little bit of background how this works. You've seen a little bit of how it works, but since you guys missed the introduction, I'll go back over it. So, this is being recorded and this hearing is being held pursuant to Ordinance Number 2023-04 and Resolutions 2024-118 and 156. The issue is whether there's a violation of the Nuisance Ordinance. The County has the burden to prove a violation of the Ordinance by preponderance. Resolution 156 has the rules for the hearing. Just to summarize, as you can tell, this is informal. Rule of discovery and evidence don't apply. Irrelevant and immaterial, and the like may be excluded. I give the appropriate right to all relevant and material evidence. Each party can present an initial opening statement, it's at most 20 minutes. The County will go first and then the owner or occupant. Then the County will present its case, and the owner or occupant can cross-examine anybody that testifies on behalf of the County. Once the County is done, then the owner or occupant can present his or her case and the County can cross-examine. Then, there are closing statements by each side, if they choose, and all individuals testifying today shall be under oath. So, I'll have you both raise your right hands. Do you swear that the testimony you're about to give at this hearing shall be the truth and nothing but the truth?

DANNY ROMERO: Yes.

DANIEL ROMERO III: Yes.

[Danny Romero and Daniel Romero III were duly sworn. County Code Enforcement Investigator Robert Hollingsworth was also duly sworn]

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay, and then once this is all done, I'll have five days to make a decision. So, I will kick it off to the County who needs to start out.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you, Hearing Officer Ziegler. I'm Team Code Enforcement Officer Robert Hollingsworth, Santa Fe Code Enforcement. I am presenting the Case 25-8072 regarding the property located at 13 Richies Lane owned by Danny and Georgia

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Romero. This case is before you due to ongoing violations of the Public Nuisance Abatement Ordinance 2023-04 including abandoning, inoperable vehicles, excessive trash, debris, improper storage, recreational vehicles and unclean fill materials on the property. I am presenting this as Officer Asael Chavez is out to the State. So, I'm handling this and represent him in this case.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay, and real quick gentlemen, would you state your names?

MR. D. ROMERO: Danny Romero, I'm the land owner.

DANIEL ROMERO III: I'm Daniel Romero. I'm his son.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Daniel Romero the Third?

DANIEL ROMERO III: Yes sir.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay. Thank you. You can present an opening now, or you can wait and then once they're done, you can tell me whatever you have to say. It's up to you.

MR. D. ROMERO: Well, I'll let them say what they need to say.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay, well.

DANNY ROMERO: Okay, yeah, go head.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: You'll have an opportunity. Go ahead.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Okay. Alright. I'm going to start off with the formal complaint that was filed in the GeoCivix. The Project Number is 2096540. The complainant has so stated that there's numerous junk vehicles and excessive garbage. She claims other illegal activity and then claims that the trailers are being rented out with no utility hookups for waste. The Officer Asael Portillo actually when out April 13, 2026, Exhibit B, 1 through 24 would be the photos of the property, in which on the roadway, he was able to take some photos indicating some junk vehicles. As he moved in closer, he continued to take photos of the property seeing more junk vehicles, trash and other debris. On Exhibit B, Page 4, as he continued on, he took a wider photograph of the property showing more of the junk, debris and abandoned vehicles. On Exhibit B, Page 5 of 24, he's showing some recreational vehicles on the property along with junk vehicles or abandoned vehicles. Exhibit B, Page 6, 7, and 8, is the continuation of the abandoned and inoperable vehicles that's actually on the property. Also, Asael continued to take more photographs from the outside of the property and then he moved in on Exhibit B, Page 12 of 24, to take more closer photographs. Here, one of the structures, additional trash, debris, metals, bricks, trailer. There's like a trailer on the road or a U-Haul type. Exhibit B, 14 of 24, he continues to take more photographs, as much as he can without setting foot on to the property. That continued from Page 14 all the way up to Page 17. He went towards the residence, the main structure. On Exhibit B, Page 18 of 24 where he took as much as he can at the front of the property showing more junk, concrete, a huge dirt pile. I don't know what that represents and just debris and junk. As he moved forward towards the front of the house and near next to the main residence, on Exhibit B, Page 21 of 24, there are more vehicles, which are inoperable. Some of them do not display a current valid registration plate, and damaged vehicles on top of it. That continued on from Page 21 to 24. The last photo was

Exhibit B, 24 of 24, showing the actual address of the property and an overall photo of as you enter onto the property.

Based on his investigation, Exhibit C, Page 1, is he conducted a Code Enforcement Report indicating his findings and what he found. Exhibit D, Page 1 of 1 is the Warranty Deed indicating that Danny and Georgia Romero were the property owners. Officer Asael then sent a Notice of Violation certified mail from April 16, 2026. Exhibit F, Page 1 of 2, he received the certified return receipt showing that the Notice of Violation was received on April 29, 2026. In Exhibit F, Page 2 of 2, it was verified with the United States Postal Service. On May 28, 2026, Officer Asael went to do a secondary inspection to track the progress or no progress on the property. In this report, he indicates his findings and observations and provided photos, which will be Exhibit G, Page 2 of 3 and Exhibit G Page 3 of 3 indicating to him that there was no progress or anything made at that point. On July 16, 2026, Officer Asael went again to the property doing another inspection, tracking the property, giving his report on it. Also Exhibit H, Page 4 of 11 through Exhibit H, 11 of 11, he provided additional documentation of photographs of his inspection that was made that day. Based on that report, Officer Asael issued a Notice of Written Order July 16, 2026 giving the property owner more than enough time to make some progress. He did not, so based on that, Officer Asael sent a Notice of Written of Order by certified mail, July 16, 2026. Then a Notice of Written Order was posted in front of the property on July 17, 2026 at 11:20 a.m., Exhibit J, Page 1 of 5 through 5 of 5 showing the Notice of Written Order that was posted on the property, respectively. The Notice of Written Order was received, on Exhibit K, Page 1 of 3 showing that it was delivered but it was returned. Officer Asael made a copy of the Notice of Written Order that was returned adding it to the report. Exhibit L, 1 through 6 is of course the Public Hearing Nuisance Officer sending a hearing to the property owner, Exhibit L, 1 through 6. Exhibit M, 1 of 3, it was published in the Santa Fe New Mexican as required indicating in the newspaper the violations and issues of the hearing coming up. Then Exhibit O, 1 through 4, the public nuisance was posted on the property indicating to the property owner that a Public Nuisance Hearing will take place. In Exhibit P, 1 through 13, is the Santa Fe County Public Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. It's attached in this case.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Alright, does that complete your presentation?

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Well, in con-...Yes. Yes.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay. You have the opportunity to ask him some questions, you don't have to. You'll still have the opportunity after this to say whatever you want to say. Do you have any questions for him?

MR. D. ROMERO: No, just that I know what I need to get done.

MR. D. ROMERO III: No, but as far as questions and then we can make a statement after. So, at this point, no.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay. So, what I will do...Do you have anything else? You can make the closing at the end...

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Yeah...

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: ...or you can do it now if you want.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Yes, I'll make a closing. Yeah. I'll make a closing then. Based on the evidence presented by Officer Asael Chavis, the Code Enforcement successfully respects that the Hearing Officer upholds the Court's findings and recommendations of the proceeding under the clean and lien provisions under Section 10.C(5) of 2023-04 Public Nuisance Abatement Ordinance.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Now I'll turn it over to you. Once again, this is informal, so I'll let you both talk, but do it one at a time. Do you have a statement to make?

MR. D. ROMERO: ____ (0:48:54).

MR. D. ROMERO III: So, starting off, the most recent presentation for the last public notice that was posted, there's been, some of those photos that are up there, kind of out of date currently. I've been, I've kind of jumped on board with him, helping to get the property back in compliance at this point. So, there, we've removed multiple vehicles, we've been getting rid of debris and we're, he's retired. He has some issues with his knee so it's been where as much as I can get out there to help him. So, we are enroute to getting into compliance and we do have set in motion as far as some of the recreational vehicles, we have set in motion that those will be removed from the property. We do have one or two personal that we will reposition and obviously get that taken care of, but we do have plans set in motion to get us towards compliance as far as the property goes. We've, like I said, maybe when he gets back to town he can go out there and get some updated pictures because we have gotten rid of quite a bit. The whole front yard, there's been quite a bit that we've worked towards, so.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay. Thank you. Do you have questions?

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: I do. It was told to the officer that you guys are renting out RVs or something like that or having people stay on it.

MR. D. ROMERO III: No. So, one, so, two of the RVs, one is mine and one is, one is his. The big and the smaller one, but one, a friend, he went through a divorce, and he had it on the property for temporary storage. That's the set motion plan that we had for getting that recreational vehicle off the property. So, that'll be done here pretty soon.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Okay. I just wanted to clarify because that was actually on the complaint.

MR. D. ROMERO III: Yeah.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: That's fine.

MR. D. ROMERO III: Yeah. So, yeah, as far as renting, definitely no.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: So, do you have any current pictures of...

MR. D. ROMERO III: Do you know what? I left my phone. We were, I was there and I left my phone at the house. Do you...

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Can you send them?

MR. D. ROMERO III: Is there an e-mail that I provide update? You would need

them currently?

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: You can update them separately, but not as part of this hearing but...

MR. D. ROMERO III: Okay.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: ...is it your testimony, as I understand your testimony, you've cleaned up some of the debris and vehicles, but you still have...

MR. D. ROMERO III: They're, I mean, as you can see, there's, it's definitely a Work. It's definitely a work in progress that we're...It's not something, it's...With his health and stuff, it's not something that we're going to be able to...And obviously funds and to hire a cleanup crew and stuff. I mean, it's something that that we're definitely adamantly trying to work towards.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay.

MR. D. ROMERO III: It's just...It's not possible, like I said, funding and health and stuff like that to have it done overnight, but we've definitely put due diligence and making progress to show the officer that we're working towards it.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay. Do either of you have anything else to add?

MR. D. ROMERO: I just wanted to say that, you know, I told the Compliance Officer what my issues were, what I was dealing with. You know, I almost lost my wife two or three times this year. She's got very, she's got health issues that are just compounding what, everything is different, and I told them that if he just bear with me, my wife was in the hospital for two weeks. When I first came, when I first met him, she was in the hospital, and then he came back another time, I told him, "Well my wife's ended up in the hospital again, could we, you know, how are we going to work this?" We had started out with the phases, cleaning phases. So, then as we were walking through the property, I told him, "Could we stop now?" I go, "It's getting overwhelming. Can we pick it up another day?" And I told him, "The meeting's over. I can't do it anymore," and that was it. I never yelled at him, I never disrespected him, I never did any of that in any way. To yell at him, or threaten him, I never did that. Not one...Not even once, but for him to say that I yelled at him is not true.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay. Anything else by either of you?

MR. D. ROMERO III: No. Like I said, just basically back to my original testimony. Like I said, we do have...We have multiple plans in action to get us into compliance and get this over with. So, yeah, that's pretty much it.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Okay. I'm assuming you don't have anything else

based on what, okay. Well, with that, if everybody's presented what they have, we will go ahead and close the hearing and then I have five business days to issue a decision. So, I thank you for coming today.

MR. D. ROMERO: Thank you. Appreciate your time.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Have a good day.

MR. D. ROMERO III: Alrighty guys. Thank you.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Thank you.

SPEAKER4: Who are we getting to adjourn? Adjourn.

HEARING OFFICER ZIEGLER: Yeah, the hearing is adjourned.

3. **Next Scheduled Meeting:** Not discussed.

4. **Concluding Business:**

A. Adjournment. (Action Item)

The hearing adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m..

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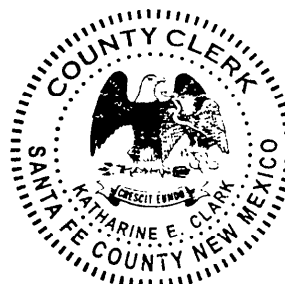
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