

Office of Administrative Hearings for Baltimore County  
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In the Matter of  
Etchu Abunaw  
Respondents

Civil Citation No. 107031  
5403 Gradin Avenue

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW  
FINAL ORDER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

This matter came before the Administrative Law Judge on April 4, 2012 for a Hearing on a citation for violations under the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) section 101; 102.1; 1B01.1; 428, failure to register or remove untagged vehicle on residential property.

On March 19, 2012, pursuant to § 3-6-205, Baltimore County Code, Inspector David Janiszewski issued a Code Enforcement & Inspections Citation. The citation was sent to the Respondent by 1<sup>st</sup> class mail to the last known address listed in the Maryland State Tax Assessment files.

The citation proposed a civil penalty of \$400.00 (four hundred dollars).

The following persons appeared for the Hearing and testified: Ms. McDowell, Respondent and fiancé of owner and, David Janiszewski, Baltimore County Code Enforcement Officer.

Testimony was presented that upon a community complaint, an inspection of the subject property on 3/2/12 revealed the presence of an untagged vehicle. A Correction Notice was issued. A subsequent inspection on 3/19/12 noted that the vehicle in question had tags; but further research revealed that the tags were to another vehicle. A Citation was issued, mailed and posted. A pre-hearing inspection on 4/2/12 noted no change. The Respondent testified that the vehicle belonged to her fiancé, and that she didn't know that the tags had been taken from another vehicle. She assured that the vehicle was to be removed within 24 hours.

Having heard the testimony and evidence presented at the Hearing:

IT IS ORDERED by the Administrative Law Judge that a civil penalty be imposed in the amount of \$400.00 (four hundred dollars).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that \$200.00 of the \$400.00 civil penalty be suspended, with an immediate \$200.00 fine imposed at this time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the remaining \$200.00 civil penalty will be imposed if the subject property is not brought into compliance by April 11, 2012.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the subject property is brought into compliance pursuant to this Order, the remaining \$200.00 civil penalty will be imposed if there is a subsequent finding against the Respondent for the same violation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if not paid within thirty days of billing, the civil penalty AND any expenses incurred by Baltimore County, as authorized above, shall be imposed and placed as a lien upon the property.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County inspect the property to determine whether the violations have been corrected.

ORDERED this 6 day of April 2012

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lawrence M. Stahl  
Managing Administrative Law Judge

**NOTICE:** Pursuant to §3-6-301(a) of the Baltimore County Code, the Respondent or Baltimore County may appeal this order to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals within fifteen (15) days from the date of this order; any such appeal requires the filing of a petition setting forth the grounds for appeal, payment of a filing fee of \$225.00 and the posting of security in the amount of the penalty assessed.