

Office of Administrative Hearings for Baltimore County
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In the Matter of

Civil Citation No. 121077

James Earl Huffman
Tarisa Lynn Huffman

7727 Eastdale Road

Respondents

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

This matter came before the Administrative Law Judge on February 27, 2013 for a Hearing on a citation for violations under the Baltimore County Code (BCC) section 13-7-310(a): Non permitted accumulation of trash, debris, etc. on residential property.

On November 20, 2012, pursuant to § 3-6-205, Baltimore County Code, Inspector George Tsigounis issued a Code Enforcement & Inspections Citation. The citation was sent to the Respondent by 1st class mail to the last known address listed in the Maryland State Tax Assessment files.

The citation proposed a civil penalty of \$250.00 (Two hundred fifty dollars).

The following persons appeared for the Hearing and testified: James Huffman, Respondent and, George Tsigounis, Baltimore County Code Enforcement Officer.

Evidence was presented that in the course of a community sweep on 11-20-12, an inspection of the subject property revealed the presence of numerous items of junk, trash and debris, including a door, table, rugs, fencing, additional items on the rear porch and other miscellaneous items on the site. A Citation was issued, mailed and posted. The Inspector presented supporting photographs, which were shown to the Respondent. The Respondent offered an explanation and stated that as a result of a recent triple bypass operation he was severely limited in his ability to do any physical activity, but did not contest the allegation.

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 \$250.00 (Two hundred fifty dollars).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that \$200.00 of the \$250.00 civil penalty be suspended, with an immediate \$50.00 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 March 20, 2013.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT Baltimore County shall be authorized to send a contractor to enter upon the subject property, remove the junk, trash and debris noted above and correct the violation herein, the costs and expenses arising therefrom to be the responsibility of and be assessed against the Respondent.

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 ___4___ day of March 2013

Signed: Original 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.