

October 30, 2020

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SUMMARY ORDER

SUBJECT: Department of Local Services file no. **ENFR190223**

RICHARD AND LOUANNA COOK

Code Enforcement Appeal

Location: [REDACTED] Renton

Appellants: **Richard & Louanna Cook**

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The Department of Local Services issued a notice and order asserting two violations. The first is [a] an accumulation of inoperable vehicles and vehicle parts, [b] vehicles parked on non-impervious surfaces, and [c] more vehicles than the parcel size/zoning allows. The second is an accumulation of rubbish. The Department essentially ordered the [a] inoperable vehicles and

vehicle parts be removed or stored inside, [c] the number of vehicles be reduced to six, and [b] those remaining six vehicles be parked on an impervious surface, all by October 9.

The Cooks timely appealed, explicitly not disputing the violations, but requesting an additional 30 days to get the vehicle numbers down. The Department does not object. There seems no need to hold an actual hearing; we can simply extend the deadline. And because missing the deadline can carry consequence (in the form of potential penalties), and because Covid seems to make everything twice as hard, we will extend the deadline beyond what the Cooks asked for the vehicle numbers, and also apply the extension to remaining items.

Thus, we UPHOLD the Department's September 10 notice and order, except that we EXTEND the deadline for compliance to **December 21, 2020**. As long as the Cooks meet that deadline, or any extension to that deadline the Department reasonably allows, no penalties may be assessed. If not, the Department may assess penalties.

If for some reason we have misunderstood the situation, by **November 23, 2020**, either party is free to file, with the examiner, a motion for reconsideration explaining why the examiner should not be dismissing this appeal. Filing a timely motion for reconsideration postpones the deadline (described below the signature line) for lodging an appeal.

DATED October 30, 2020.



David Spohr
Hearing Examiner

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

King County Code 20.22.040 directs the Examiner to make the County's final decision for this type of case. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless proceedings for review of the decision are timely and properly commenced in superior court. Appeals are governed by the Land Use Petition Act, Chapter 36.70C RCW.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, Lauren Olson, certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that I transmitted the **SUMMARY ORDER** to those listed on the attached page as follows:

- EMAILED to all County staff listed as parties/interested persons and parties with e-mail addresses on record.
- placed with the United States Postal Service, with sufficient postage, as FIRST CLASS MAIL in an envelope addressed to the non-County employee parties/interested persons to addresses on record.

DATED October 30, 2020.



Lauren Olson
Legislative Secretary

Breazeal, Jeri

Department of Local Services

Cook, Richard/Louanna

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Department of Local Services