

Notice of Appeal

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Allegheny County
Health Department

TO:

Allegheny County Health Department
Office of the Director
542 Fourth Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

RE: Service Request # HCE-20190712-4082

This is to appeal the issuance of the letter dated July 8, 2020 and the civil penalty levied by it in the amount of \$2500 due to alleged failure to take action specified in the letter dated 02/19/2020.

To wit: The work upon the property was interrupted due to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

In particular, I was infected on January 4, 2020 and began developing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 on January 8 & 9, 2020. As at that time there were no tests available and the virus was not yet recognized as being in the United States, having only more recently been confirmed to be in the country as early as late 2019, I had to suffer on my own through symptoms unlike anything I had ever had before. For two weeks I was bed ridden and home bound with incessant deep dry coughing. Thereafter, as the cough became somewhat intermittent, I could only go out to get food, remaining otherwise housebound for another two weeks. For several months my lungs simply did not feel right even when the coughing subsided. It took even longer for me to regain my strength and endurance again. This entire period also overlapped the Governor's shelter in place orders, during which I complied and did not try to travel to my property in the Town of McCandless.

In the time since the status of Allegheny County was gradually changed to green, I have managed to acquire materials needed for completing the repairs, making numerous trips to the building supply stores, and I have begun work on the required repairs. With recommendations still being to avoid public transit use, upon which I have depended for transportation from the City of Pittsburgh to McCandless, I have relied upon friends and their availability in large part, biking being my other option. Nonetheless, I will be continuing to work on the property and expect to have the majority of the issues corrected within the 35 days indicated in the July 8, 2020 notice posted on my property at 1100 Woodland Road, McCandless, PA 15237.

I request the assessed penalty be waived and, if necessary, a hearing to be scheduled on this matter.

Sincerely,



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