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Site Information

CAD Acct #
 Site Address
 Site City
 Site State
 Site Zip
 Legal Desc

Owner Information

Last Name
 First Name
 Mailing Address
 Mailing City
 Mailing State
 Mailing Zip

Occupant Information

Last Name
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 Mailing Zip

Comments

History

| Date | Action | Type | Quantity | Comments |
|-----------|---------------------|--|----------|------------------------------|
| 5/22/2018 | Complaint Received | Nuisance Abatement | 0 | |
| 5/22/2018 | Investigated | | 0 | |
| 5/24/2018 | Notice Sent | NTA reg & cert: 7017 0190 0001 0008 1078 | 02 & 3 | |
| 5/26/2018 | Green Card Received | 7017 0190 0001 0008 1078 | 0 | signed by Michael M |
| 6/27/2018 | Check Back | | 0 | COMPLETED 08/16/2018 checked |
| 8/16/2018 | Follow Up | | 0 | still valid per JRE |
| 8/22/2018 | Charges | against Michael Merchant | 22 & 3 | |
| 5/13/2019 | Charges | Michael Merchant paid court charges | 0 | |
| 5/13/2019 | Follow Up | | 0 | still valid per JRE |
| 5/17/2019 | Notice Sent | NTA reg & cert: 7017 0660 0000 3536 4844 | 02 & 3 | |

| Date | Action | Type | Quantity | Comments |
|------------|---------------------|---|----------|----------------------------------|
| 6/11/2019 | Notice Returned | 7017 0660 0000 3536 4844 | 0 | unclaimed |
| 7/12/2019 | Check Back | | 0 | COMPLETED 07/25/2019 check |
| 7/25/2019 | Follow Up | | 0 | still valid per JRE |
| 8/5/2019 | Charges | against Michael D Merchant | 2 | 2 & 3 |
| 10/17/2019 | Court | Judge fined Mr. Merchant | 0 | PL represented JE in court. |
| 11/18/2019 | Charges | against Michael D Merchant | 2 | 2 & 3 |
| 2/26/2021 | Notice Sent | INTA reg & cert: 7016 0340 0000 1811 3803 | 0 | 2 & 3 |
| 3/12/2021 | Green Card Received | 7016 0340 0000 1811 3803 | 0 | Michael Merchant |
| 4/13/2021 | Check Back | | 0 | COMPLETED 06/08/2021 JE - |
| 6/8/2021 | Follow Up | | 0 | valid |
| 6/9/2021 | Charges | against Michael Merchant | 2 | 2 & 3 - JRE |
| 7/8/2021 | Charges | against Michael Merchant | 2 | 2 & 3 - JRE - paid fine from 1st |
| 2/21/2023 | Complaint Received | Nuisance Abatement | 0 | |
| 2/21/2023 | Investigated | | 0 | JRE |
| 2/27/2023 | Notice Sent | NTA reg & cert: 7020 0090 0000 0347 1131 | 0 | 2 & 3 |
| 3/21/2023 | Notice Returned | 7020 0090 0000 0347 1131 | 0 | unclaimed |
| 4/22/2023 | Check Back | | 0 | COMPLETED 05/04/2023 JRE |
| 5/4/2023 | Follow Up | | 0 | still valid per JRE |
| 5/5/2023 | Charges | against Michael D Merchant | 2 | 2 & 3 |
| 3/20/2024 | Complaint Received | Nuisance Abatement | 0 | |
| 3/20/2024 | Investigated | | 0 | JRE |
| 4/19/2024 | Notice Sent | NTA reg & cert: 7020 0090 0000 0347 6976 | 0 | 2 & 3 |
| 5/7/2024 | Green Card Received | 7020 0090 0000 0347 6976 | 0 | unreadable |
| 6/8/2024 | Check Back | | 0 | COMPLETED JRE check back |
| 6/28/2024 | Charges | AGAINST MERCHANT, MICHAEL | 2 | JACK 2 & 3 |
| 10/1/2024 | Charges | against merchant, michael | 2 | Jack 2,3 |

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Sent To **Michael D Merchant**
 Street and Apt. No. or PO Box No. **15325 Cedar**
Santa Fe, TX 77510
 City, State, ZIP+4[®]

PS Form 3800, April 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9047

See Reverse for Instructions

7017 0190 0001 0008 1078



Jack Ellison
Nuisance Abatement Officer

Phone: 409-766-4509
Fax: 409-766-4510

Galveston County Nuisance Abatement Program

COUNTY OF GALVESTON NOTICE TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE

ID #: 4210

TO: Michael D Merchant
15325 Cedar
Santa Fe, TX 77510

DATE: May 23, 2018

(X) Owner () Lessee () Occupant () Agent
() Person in charge of the Premises

DEAR: Michael D Merchant:

Via Certified Mail: 7017 0190 0001 0008 1078

An investigation by the undersigned of property owned (X), occupied () by you, located at 15325 Cedar St, Santa Fe, TX reveals conditions, as checked below, which constitute a public nuisance under Ch. 343 Texas Health & Safety Code, The Neighborhood Nuisance Act:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ABST 612 I & G N RR SUR SEC 18 PT OF LOT F (6-1) BLK 77 ANGELL
RUNGE ADDN

- 1. Keeping, storing, or accumulating refuse on the premises in a neighborhood unless the refuse is entirely contained in a closed receptacle.
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- 6. Maintaining on abandoned and unoccupied property in a neighborhood a swimming pool that is not protected with:
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 - (A) the area that spans 20 feet on each side of a utility line; or
 - (B) the actual span of the utility easement.

**YOU HAVE THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH YOU RECEIVE THIS NOTICE TO
ABATE THE NUISANCE**

1620 Gill Rd * Dickinson, TX 77539

The Neighborhood Nuisance Act provides that criminal prosecution or civil action may be initiated if any of the foregoing nuisances remains unabated after the thirtieth day from your receipt of this notice. Your failure to abate a nuisance as required by law may result in one or more of the following:

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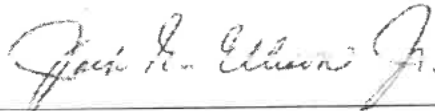
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Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Jack Ellison, Nuisance Abatement Officer
Galveston County Nuisance Abatement Program

Received by: _____

Date: _____

Title: _____

D-246

No. _____

COMPLAINT

THE STATE OF TEXAS

vs.

Michael D Merchant



Filed _____ day of _____, 20____

Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. _____,

Galveston County, Texas

WITNESSES:

Jack Ellison

Galveston County Nuisance Abatement Officer

(409) 766-4509

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Jack Ellison, Galveston County Nuisance Abatement Officer, who, after being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says: That heretofore, to-wit, on or about the 28TH day of JUNE, A.D., 2024, and before the making and filing of this Complaint, in the County of Galveston and State of Texas, Michael D Merchant, of 15325 Cedar, Santa Fe, TX did then unlawfully* violate Ch. 343 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, The Neighborhood Nuisance Act, Section 343.011 (3) maintaining premises in a manner that creates an unsanitary condition likely to attract or harbor mosquitoes, rodents, vermin, or disease-carrying pests at 15325 Cedar St Santa Fe against the peace and dignity of the State.

Jack Ellison, R.S. Complainant

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this _____ day of _____, A.D. 20 _____

NOTARY PUBLIC, IN AND FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. _____

COMMISSION EXPIRES: _____

Galveston County, Texas

*Here describe specifically the offence committed

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Galveston County Nuisance Abatement Program

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ID #: 4210

TO: Michael D Merchant
15325 Cedar
Santa Fe, TX 77510

DATE: May 16, 2019
(X) Owner () Lessee () Occupant () Agent
() Person in charge of the Premises

DEAR: Michael D Merchant:

Via Certified Mail: 7017 0660 0000 3536 4844

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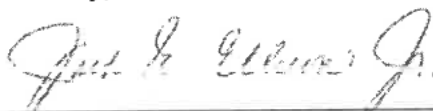
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Sincerely,



Jack Ellison, Nuisance Abatement Officer
Galveston County Nuisance Abatement Program

Received by: _____

Date: _____

Title: _____

D-246

No. _____

COMPLAINT

THE STATE OF TEXAS

vs.

Michael D Merchant

Site: 15325 Cedar St Santa Fe, TX

Mailing: 15325 Cedar Santa Fe, TX 77510

Filed _____ day of _____, 20____

Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. _____,

Galveston County, Texas

WITNESSES:

Jack Ellison

Galveston County Nuisance Abatement Officer

(409) 766-4509

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Jack Ellison, Galveston County Nuisance Abatement Officer, who, after being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says: That heretofore, to-wit, on or about the 5th day of August, A.D., 2019, and before the making and filing of this Complaint, in the County of Galveston and State of Texas, Michael D Merchant, of 15325 Cedar, Santa Fe, TX did then unlawfully* violate Ch. 343 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, The Neighborhood Nuisance Act, Section 343.011 (3) by maintaining premises in a manner that creates an unsanitary condition likely to attract or harbor mosquitoes, rodents, vermin, or disease-carrying pests at 15325 Cedar St Santa Fe against the peace and dignity of the State.

Jack Ellison, R.S. Complainant

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this _____ day of _____, A.D. 20 _____

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. _____

Galveston County, Texas

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Jack Ellison, Galveston County Nuisance Abatement Officer, who, after being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says: That heretofore, to-wit, on or about the 18th day of November, A.D., 2019, and before the making and filing of this Complaint, in the County of Galveston and State of Texas, Michael D Merchant, of 15325 Cedar, Santa Fe, TX did then unlawfully* violate Ch. 343 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. The Neighborhood Nuisance Act, Section 343.011 (3) by maintaining premises in a manner that creates an unsanitary condition likely to attract or harbor mosquitoes, rodents, vermin, or disease-carrying pests at 15325 Cedar St Santa Fe against the peace and dignity of the State.

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Galveston County Nuisance Abatement Program

COUNTY OF GALVESTON NOTICE TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE

ID #: 4210

TO: Michael D Merchant
15325 Cedar
Santa Fe, TX 77510

DATE: February 25, 2021
(X) Owner () Lessee () Occupant () Agent
() Person in charge of the Premises

Via Certified Mail: 7016 0340 0000 1811 3803

DEAR: Michael D Merchant:

An investigation by the undersigned of property owned (X), occupied () by you, located at 15325 Cedar St, Santa Fe, TX reveals conditions, as checked below, which constitute a public nuisance under Ch. 343 Texas Health & Safety Code, The Neighborhood Nuisance Act:

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- 7. Maintaining on any property in a neighborhood in a county with a population of more than 1.1 million a swimming pool that is not protected with:
 - (A) A fence that is at least four (4) feet high and that has a latched gate that cannot be opened by a child; or
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 - (A) the area that spans 20 feet on each side of a utility line; or
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- 11. Filling or blocking a drainage easement, failing to maintain a drainage easement, maintaining a drainage easement in a manner that allows the easement to be clogged with debris, sediment, or vegetation, or violating an agreement with the county to improve or maintain a drainage easement.
- 12. Discarding refuse on property that is not authorized for that activity.
- 13. Allowing surface discharge from an on-site sewage disposal system.

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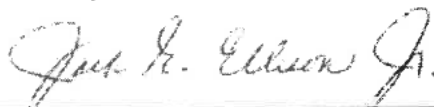
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WITNESSES:

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Jack Ellison, Galveston County Nuisance Abatement Officer, who, after being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says: That heretofore, to-wit, on or about the 9th day of June, A.D., 2021, and before the making and filing of this Complaint, in the County of Galveston and State of Texas, Michael D Merchant, of 15325 Cedar, Santa Fe, TX did then unlawfully* violate Ch. 343 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, The Neighborhood Nuisance Act, Section 343.011 (2) by keeping, storing, or accumulating rubbish, including newspapers, abandoned vehicles, refrigerators, stoves, furniture, tires, and cans, on premises in a neighborhood or within 300 feet of a public street for 10 days or more. unless the rubbish or object is completely enclosed in a building or is not visible from a public street at 15325 Cedar St Santa Fe against the peace and dignity of the State.

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Site: 15325 Cedar St Santa Fe, TX

Mailing: 15325 Cedar Santa Fe, TX 77510

Filed _____ day of _____, 20____

Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. _____,

Galveston County, Texas

WITNESSES:

Jack Ellison

Galveston County Nuisance Abatement Officer

(409) 766-4509

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Jack Ellison, Galveston County Nuisance Abatement Officer, who, after being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says: That heretofore, to-wit, on or about the 9th day of June, A.D., 2021, and before the making and filing of this Complaint, in the County of Galveston and State of Texas, Michael D Merchant, of 15325 Cedar, Santa Fe, TX did then unlawfully* violate Ch. 343 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, The Neighborhood Nuisance Act, Section 343.011 (3) by maintaining premises in a manner that creates an unsanitary condition likely to attract or harbor mosquitoes, rodents, vermin, or disease-carrying pests at 15325 Cedar St Santa Fe against the peace and dignity of the State.

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Jack Ellison
Nuisance Abatement Officer

Phone: 409-766-4509
Fax: 409-766-4510

Galveston County Nuisance Abatement Program

COUNTY OF GALVESTON NOTICE TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE

ID #: 4210

TO: Michael D Merchant
15325 Cedar
Santa Fe, TX 77510

DATE: April 19, 2024

(X) Owner () Lessee () Occupant () Agent
() Person in charge of the Premises

DEAR: Michael D Merchant:

Via Certified Mail: 7020 0090 0000 0347 6976

An investigation by the undersigned of property owned (X), occupied () by you, located at 15325 Cedar St, Santa Fe, TX reveals conditions, as checked below, which constitute a public nuisance under Ch. 343 Texas Health & Safety Code, The Neighborhood Nuisance Act:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: abst 612 I & G N RR SUR SEC 18 pt of lot F (6-1) blk 77 angell runge addn

- 1. Keeping, storing, or accumulating refuse on the premises in a neighborhood unless the refuse is entirely contained in a closed receptacle.
- 2. Keeping, storing, or accumulating rubbish, including newspapers, abandoned vehicles, refrigerators, stoves, furniture, tires and cans on premises in a neighborhood for ten (10) days or more unless the rubbish or object is completely within building or is not visible from a public street.
- 3. Maintaining premises in a manner that creates an unsanitary condition likely to attract or harbor mosquitoes, rodents, vermin, or other disease-carrying pests.
- 4. Allowing weeds to grow on premises in a neighborhood if such weeds are located within 300 feet of another residence or commercial establishment.
- 5. Maintaining a building in a manner that is structurally unsafe or that constitutes a hazard to safety, health, or public welfare because of inadequate maintenance, unsanitary conditions, dilapidation, obsolescence, disaster, damage, or abandonment or because it constitutes a fire hazard.
- 6. Maintaining on abandoned and unoccupied property in a neighborhood a swimming pool that is not protected with:
 - (A) a fence that is at least four (4) feet high and that has a latched and locked gate; and
 - (B) a cover over the entire swimming pool that cannot be removed by a child.
- 7. Maintaining on any property in a neighborhood in a county with a population of more than 1.1 million a swimming pool that is not protected with:
 - (A) A fence that is at least four (4) feet high and that has a latched gate that cannot be opened by a child; or
 - (B) A cover over the entire swimming pool that cannot be removed by a child.
- 8. Maintaining a flea market in a manner that constitutes a fire hazard.
- 9. Discarding refuse or creating a hazardous visual obstruction on:
 - (A) county owned land; or
 - (B) land or easements owned by or held by a special district that has the County Commissioner's Court as its governing body.

- 10. Discarding refuse on the smaller of:
 - (A) the area that spans 20 feet on each side of a utility line; or
 - (B) the actual span of the utility easement.
- 11. Filling or blocking a drainage easement, failing to maintain a drainage easement, maintaining a drainage easement in a manner that allows the easement to be clogged with debris, sediment, or vegetation, or violating an agreement with the county to improve or maintain a drainage easement.
- 12. Discarding refuse on property that is not authorized for that activity.
- 13. Allowing surface discharge from an on-site sewage disposal system.

You have thirty (30) days from the date on which you receive this notice to abate the nuisance.

The Neighborhood Nuisance Act provides that criminal prosecution or civil action may be initiated if any of the foregoing nuisances remains unabated after the thirtieth day from your receipt of this notice. Your failure to abate a nuisance as required by law may result in one or more of the following:

- a. A misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200 for a first offense.
- b. A fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1000 and confinement in jail for not more than six (6) months for a subsequent offense.
- c. County-ordered abatement.
- d. Abatement by the County, with the assessment of costs against you or, if you are the Owner, an attachment of a lien on the property.

If the County initiates abatement procedures under section (d) above, you have the right to a hearing. You are entitled to submit, no later than the thirtieth day after the date on which the notice is served, a written request for a hearing along with a representative of your choice to appear at the hearing to present evidence, examine witnesses, and argue on your behalf.

If you request a hearing you must furnish the name and address of the person to be notified of the date, time and place of the hearing.

A request for a hearing does not preclude criminal prosecution by the State or the filing of a civil suit by the County of Galveston.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Jack Ellison, Nuisance Abatement Officer
Galveston County Nuisance Abatement Program

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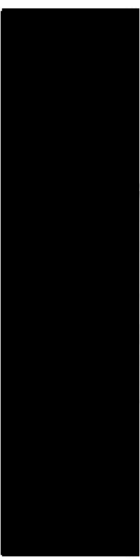
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WITNESSES:

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Galveston County Nuisance Abatement Officer

(409) 766-4509

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Jack Ellison, Galveston County Nuisance Abatement Officer, who, after being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says: That heretofore, to-wit, on or about the 28TH day of JUNE, A.D., 2024, and before the making and filing of this Complaint, in the County of Galveston and State of Texas, Michael D Merchant, of 15325 Cedar, Santa Fe, TX did then unlawfully* violate Ch. 343 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, The Neighborhood Nuisance Act, Section 343.011 (2) by keeping, storing, or accumulating rubbish, including newspapers, abandoned vehicles, refrigerators, stoves, furniture, tires, and cans, on premises in a neighborhood or within 300 feet of a public street for 10 days or more, unless the rubbish or object is completely enclosed in a building or is not visible from a public street at 15325 Cedar St Santa Fe against the peace and dignity of the State.

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TO: Michael D Merchant
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DATE: February 24, 2023

(X) Owner () Lessee () Occupant () Agent
() Person in charge of the Premises

DEAR: Michael D Merchant:

Via Certified Mail: 7020 0090 0000 0347 1131

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