BEFORE THE HEARING EXAMINER CITY OF SEATTLE

In the Matter of the Citation Issued to

Hearing Examiner File: 1059881-CT-002 Corn

PATRICK ASHMAN

by the Director, Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections for violation of the Land Use Code NOTICE OF MITIGATION APPEAL HEARING

A public hearing shall be held in this matter on **Thursday**, **January 30**, **2025**, beginning at **2:00 p.m. by Zoom**.

You requested a mitigation hearing to explain the circumstances regarding this violation. Your case is scheduled for hearing at the time and place indicated above. If you do not appear as scheduled, you will be found in default, and the full penalty will be assessed.

By requesting a mitigation hearing, <u>you have admitted that you are responsible for the</u> <u>violation</u>, but you want to explain why you believe the amount of the penalty should be reduced. The Hearing Examiner may reduce the amount of penalty if factors listed in SMC 23.91.010(C) are present.

The mitigation hearing is an informal proceeding before the City's Hearing Examiner. (The Hearing Examiner's Office is a separate, independent office, not a part of SDCI.) At the mitigation hearing, you will have an opportunity to explain the circumstances that you believe call for a reduction of the penalty stated in SDCI's Notice of Citation.

The scheduled proceeding is an administrative hearing before the City Hearing Examiner. (The Hearing Examiner's Office is a separate, independent office, not a part of SDCI.) The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Seattle Municipal Code section 25.08, and Chapter 3.01 of the Hearing Examiner Rules, which are available on the Hearing Examiner website, <u>www.seattle.gov/examiner/</u>. At the hearing, the Hearing Examiner will consider the information contained in the citation. Both parties (you and the SDCI representative) will have the opportunity to offer testimony and to present witnesses and other evidence to support your respective views. To be admitted, evidence must be relevant, come from a reliable source, and have some value toward proving the point of the party who offers it. If a party intends to refer to any exhibits (documents, photographs, etc.) at the hearing, the party <u>must</u> send electronic copies of exhibits with receipt by the Examiner and the Department no later than seven days before the hearing. The issues considered at hearing are limited to those you raised in your written response to the citation

and that are within the Hearing Examiner's jurisdiction. The Hearing Examiner will decide whether or not to uphold the citation.

For you or any witness to attend the hearing remotely, a successful completion of a Zoom system test prior to the hearing is required to ensure the party's system is compatible with the hearing room equipment. The Office of Hearing Examiner will arrange a time for system test before **January 23, 2025**.

Additional information about the hearing process is available from the Office of Hearing Examiner, and it is recommended that you review applicable ordinances and the Hearing Examiner Rules, prior to the hearing.

Information about appeal hearings, including the *Hearing Examiner Rules of Practice and Procedure*, and a *Public Guide to Appeals and Hearings Before the Hearing Examiner*, is available on the Hearing Examiner's website, <u>www.seattle.gov/examiner</u>.

Date of Notice: January 13, 2025.

Office of Hearing Examiner P.O. Box 94729 Seattle, Washington 98124-4729 Phone: (206) 684-0521

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that on this date I sent true and correct copies of the attached **<u>NOTICE OF MITIGATION HEARING</u>** to each person listed below, or on the attached mailing list, in the matter of **<u>PATRICK ASHMAN</u>**. Hearing Examiner File: <u>**CIT. 1059881-CT-002**</u> in the manner indicated.

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Dated: January 13, 2025

<u>/s/ Sarah Grant</u> Sarah Grant, Administrative Specialist