

**BEFORE THE HEARING EXAMINER
CITY OF SEATTLE**

In the Matter of the Citation Issued to

Hearing Examiner File:
80801
Holtz

STEPHEN HOCHHALTER

by the Director, Department of Construction
and Transportation, for Violation of the Street
Use Code

**NOTICE OF MITIGATION
APPEAL HEARING**

A public hearing shall be held in this matter on **Thursday, February 13, 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, you have admitted that you are responsible for the violation, 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 15.91.010 are present.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Seattle Municipal Code section 15.91.010 and Chapter 3.01 of the Hearing Examiner Rules, which are available on the Hearing Examiner website, www.seattle.gov/examiner/. At the hearing, the Hearing Examiner will consider the information contained in the citation. Both parties (you and the SDOT 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 must 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 contact you to arrange a time for system test before **February 6, 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, www.seattle.gov/examiner.

Date of Notice: January 22, 2025

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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 **NOTICE OF MITIGATION APPEAL HEARING** to each person listed below, or on the attached mailing list, in the matter of **STEPHEN HOCHHALTER** Hearing Examiner File: **CITATION 80801** in the manner indicated.

Party	Method of Service
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Dated: January 22, 2025

/s/ Sarah Grant
Sarah Grant, Administrative Specialist