## RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

## county of ventura

Code Compliance
Doug Leeper
Director

May 7, 2019

Arehy Wolf Judy Wolf 146 Saddlebow Road Bell Canyon, CA 9307

Subject:

Reduction of Civil Administrative Penalties

Subject Property:

146 Saddlebow Road, Bell Canyon

APN# Case # 850-0-012**-**235 CV11-0191

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wolf.

Pursuant to our recent telephone conversations, I noted that there is an outstanding Civil Administrative Penalty in the amount of \$155,400.00. This letter will serve to confirm a reduction of Civil Administrative Penalties on the above noted case/address.

The mission and goal of our department is compliance. Most cases start with a Courtesy Notice and opportunity to correct before any "enforcement" commences. If timely voluntary compliance is not achieved, Code Compliance must apply various "tools" to motivate property owners to bring violations into compliance. Civil Administrative Penalties are a method of motivating timely, long-term, sustained compliance.

Civil Administrative Penalties are imposed based on the seriousness of the violations and conditions, any good faith efforts made by the property owner to comply, communication with Code Compliance staff, length of time taken to bring the violations into compliance and any physical or financial hardship. This code case was opened in 2011 and a Notice of Imposition of Civil Administrative Penalties was mailed to you on May 3, 2012 the amount of \$150.00 per day for a total of \$155,400.00.

Recently, Code Compliance has implemented a new procedure wherein daily civil penalty is assessed in the reduced amount per violation (2 total) for 120 days at the rate of \$150.00 per day and an additional sixty days at the rate of \$300.00 per day for a **new reduced Civil Administrative Penalty total of \$36,000.00.** 

I reviewed this matter with Code Compliance Director, Doug Leeper, and he was not able to confirm any hardships that are required and outlined in the Noncoastal Zoning Ordinance.

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NOTE: This letter addresses a reduction of the Civil Administrative Penalties ONLY. All other fees, such as staff time, late fees, lien/recordation releases, close out charges, etc., remain as stated and must be paid.

I hope this substantial penalty reduction is helpful in the resolution of this long-standing code case. Please feel free to contact Doug Leeper directly if you have additional information for him to review to determine any hardship. Mr. Leeper can be reached via email at <a href="Doug.Leper@ventura.org">Doug.Leper@ventura.org</a> or you can contact his secretary at (9804)654-2444 to schedule a meeting in person.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth-Cameron

Senior Code Compliance Officer

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