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7	ON WE	EDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024,	
8	СОММЕ	ENCING AT 7:30 P.M.	
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11	BOARD MEMBERS:	NICK KOUDELA RICH HILL	
12		TOM FLAISIG PHIL YARLETTS	
13		DEBBIE CLARKE	
14	ALSO PRESENT:	STEPHANIE LANGRAF, ESQ.	
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16	MADAM SECRETARY:	CHRISTINE MORGAN	
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18	TRANSCRIBED BY:	BRIAN KUEBLER	
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1	MR. KOUDELA: Let's stand and do
2	the pledge, please.
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4	(Thereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited
5	by all.)
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7	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Can we get a
8	roll call, please.
9	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Koudela?
10	MR. KOUDELA: Here.
11	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Flaisig?
12	MR. FLAISIG: Here.
13	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Yarletts?
14	MR. YARLETTS: Aye. Here.
15	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Hill?
16	MR. HILL: Here.
17	MADAM SECRETARY: And Ms. Clarke?
18	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Thank you.
19	Somebody make a motion to approve the
20	December 13th meeting minutes, please.
21	MR. YARLETTS: Mr. Chairman, I
22	would like to make a motion that we approve
23	the December 13th, 2023 minutes as stated.
24	MR. KOUDELA: Can I get a second?
25	MR. HILL: Second.

1	MS. CLARKE: Second.
2	MR. KOUDELA: Thank you, Mr. Hill.
3	Roll call, please.
4	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Koudela?
5	MR. KOUDELA: Aye.
6	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Flaisig?
7	MR. FLAISIG: Aye.
8	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Yarletts?
9	MR. YARLETTS: Aye.
10	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Hill?
11	MR. HILL: Aye.
12	MADAM SECRETARY: And, Ms. Clarke?
13	MS. CLARKE: Aye.
14	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Before us
15	tonight we have two cases. If I can have
16	anybody that's here for or against, I'd
17	like to swear you in. If you can raise
18	your right hand please, anyone who's going
19	to be speaking here today.
20	MR. O'BRIEN: My name's Mark
21	O'Brien with me here today
22	MR. KOUDELA: Can you just please
23	raise your right hand? Do you, do you
24	swear to tell the truth during these
25	proceedings here today?

1	MR. O'BRIEN: Yes.
2	MS. HARTMAN: Stephanie Hartman.
3	I swear to tell the truth.
4	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Thank you.
5	MS. LANGRAF: Also, if the Housing
6	Inspector's going to testify at one time,
7	why don't we just swear him in too.
8	MR. BRENNAN: I swear to tell the
9	truth.
10	MR. KOUDELA: Swear to tell the
11	truth during these proceedings here today?
12	MR. BRENNAN: Yes.
13	MR. KOUDELA: Thank you. Okay.
14	Case No. 24-1 is an appeal of Shoregate
15	Towers.
16	If you could state your name and
17	address for the record, please.
18	MR. O'BRIEN: Hi, my name is Mark
19	O'Brien. I'm attorney at law in the State
20	of Ohio. My address is 12434 Cedar Road,
21	Suite 11, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44106.
22	And I'm the attorney on behalf of Lemma
23	Getachew, Guenet Indale, and Shoregate
24	Towers NS, LLC.
25	MR. KOUDELA: Okay.

1 MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. 2 BZA MEMBER: So, first one --3 first one we're going to discuss is Case 4 No. 24-1. This is in regards to a 5 maintenance violation dated 1/24/24, 6 Apartment 850 East Building. 7 If you could just kind of state 8 your reasoning what we're here for today. 9 MR. O'BRIEN: So, we are here 10 today because Mr. Brennan filed -- or 11 served upon our clients a Notice of 12 Violations titled a Property Maintenance 1.3 Notice with respect to the International 14 Property Maintenance Code Section 309.1 in 15 which it states all structures shall be 16 kept free from insect and rodent infestation. All structures in which 17 insect or rodents are found shall be 18 19 promptly exterminated by approved process 20 that will not be injurious to human health. 21 Mr. Brennan then ordered in his 2.2 violation notice that the tenant -- that 23 the property owner shall properly 24 exterminate all insects and roaches

throughout Apartment No. 850 East Building

and submit copies of reports and invoices, his compliance date, as stated in the notice, was January 29th or a five-day thereafter. My client contends that, first of all, that such compliance date is not possible, that it's unreasonable under the Property Maintenance Code to request that somebody exterminate any insects or they're filed with the code within such time.

Section 107 of the Code

specifically states that any notice that's

given by the building official shall

require not only that it be in writing,

provide a description of real estate,

include statement of violation, and why the

notice is being issued, and also include a

correction order, allowing a reasonable

time to make repairs and improvements

required to bring the dwelling, unit, or

structure into compliance with provision to

the Code.

It is our contention that allowing only five days to bring the structure into compliance with the Code is unreasonable and therefore violative of the 2015

Property Maintenance Code. 1 2 My client's representative who is 3 here to testify with me today will state that they attempted to ameliorate the 5 problem, but they were unable to do so because they could not gain admittance to 6 7 the property. That when they went with their --8 9 with the property's pest control company, 10 that they attempted to gain entry and the 11 -- the tenant who lived there would not 12 allow them entry. 13 They tried to key in and the 14 tenant who was there in the apartment had 15 barred the chain on the door. They had prevented them from any entrance. They 16 would not let them in and would not let 17 them provide treatment for the infestation. 18 19 With me today is Stephanie 20 Hartman. 21 Stephanie, can you step up to the 2.2 podium. 23 MS. HARTMAN: Yes. Hello. 24 MR. KOUDELA: Can you say your 25 name and address for the record, please.

1		MS. HARTMAN: Do you want my home
2		address?
3		MR. O'BRIEN: Just Shoregate
4		Towers.
5		MR. KOUDELA: Just Shoregate
6		Towers is fine.
7		MS. HARTMAN: Stephanie Hartman,
8		30901, Lakeshore Boulevard, Willowick, Ohio
9		44095.
10		MS. CLARKE: And what's your
11		affiliation with Shoregate Towers?
12		MS. HARTMAN: I'm the property
13		manager.
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15		EXAMINATION OF STEPHANIE HARTMAN
16		BY MR. O'BRIEN:
17	Q.	And how long have you been the property manager
18		for Shoregate?
19	Α.	August of 2023.
20	Q.	And you're the onsite property manager, right?
21	Α.	Yes, correct.
22	Q.	What are your duties as the onsite property
23		manager?
24	Α.	To manage the property.
25	Q.	Okay. And what do you mean by "manage the

property"? 1

- 2 I have to look over all -- every little aspect of Α. 3 it. Leasing, making sure my maintenance guys are 4 doing what they're supposed to be doing, making 5 sure this company is doing what they're supposed to be doing, which is the pest control. 6
 - Q. Okay. And did you receive the Property Maintenance Violation Notice that we're on here today? I'll show you a copy of it. It's a Property Maintenance Violation Notice dated January 24th, 2024.
- 12 Are you familiar with this notice?
- 13 Yes. Α.

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14 Okay. And this is a notice which is attached, Q. 15 Exhibit B, to our Notice of Appeal; is that

Okay. Do you remember this notice?

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- 19 Α. I do.

Correct.

- 20 Okay. What action did you take when you got this Q. notice? 21
- 2.2 I went with the pest control company to the unit. Α. 23 And I videoed to make sure, because he said he 24 could not gain entry, so I said, I'm going to go 25 with you because I have to make sure that I can

- 1 prove it. And I videoed the fact that they would
- 2 not allow him in. He tried to key in and they
- 3 had the lock on, so...
- 4 Q. Okay. I'm going to play a copy of the video for
- 5 you first.
- 6 A. Okay.
- 7 Q. First of all, do you recognize this door front --
- 8 A. I do.
- 9 Q. -- in the video?
- Okay. We'll play this for you first and then
- 11 for the Board.
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- 13 (Thereupon, video played.)
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- 15 Q. First of all, can you tell me what's happening
- here.
- 17 A. This is Sean trying to get into the unit and it's
- 18 locked.
- 19 Q. And what does he do?
- 20 A. He tries to key into the unit.
- 21 Q. After knocking the door, right?
- 22 A. After he knocks.
- 23 Q. Was he able to gain entrance?
- 24 A. He was not able to gain entrance because they had
- 25 the little hotel lock on --

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 A. -- so, they were in the unit.
- 3 Q. Okay. And you're the one who took this video?
- 4 A. I did.
- 5 Q. Okay. So why were you there with him?
- 6 A. To prove that they refused anybody to go into the
- 7 unit.
- 8 Q. Okay. And by refusing you mean they have the
- 9 security lock bar from the inside?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Okay. And so, you knocked, announced yourselves,
- 12 they would not let you in?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. And this is what day?
- 15 \mid A. Is it okay if I look on my phone to see what it
- 16 is?
- 17 Q. Yes.
- 18 | A. Okay. I believe I sent it to you the exact same
- day. This was January 26th at 2:34 P.M.
- 20 Q. Okay. So, that's two days after you got the
- 21 notice, right?
- 22 A. Correct.
- Q. And Sean, you referred to Sean, he's the
- 24 gentleman in the video who looked -- do you know
- 25 his last name?

- 1 A. I don't.
- 2 Q. Sean Ford, does that sound familiar?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Okay. And he works for whom?
- 5 A. I can't say the company, Elrich [sic] --
- 6 Q. Ehrlich Pest Control.
- 7 A. -- Ehrlich.
- 8 Q. A division of Rentokil.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Most aptly named company in the world.
- 11 And Sean comes how often?
- 12 A. Every Friday.
- 13 Q. Okay. And what does he do every Friday?
- 14 A. He does 18 units and he does the outside of the
- unit or outside of the building. He also does
- 16 the inside. He does the common areas. He does
- 17 garbage chutes and --
- 18 | Q. But if you have some units that require
- 19 attention, he does those units?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And that's 18 units, right?
- 22 A. 18 units.
- 23 Q. So, he came on the 26th of January?
- 24 A. He did. It was a Friday.
- 25 Q. Okay. Which is two days after you got the

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notice, right?
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    A. Correct.
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        And you attempted to have him treat the unit?
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        Correct.
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        But were unsuccessful?
     Q.
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     Α.
        Exactly.
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     Q.
        And why were you unsuccessful?
        They refused to let us in.
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    Α.
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                        MR. O'BRIEN: I'll play this for
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                the Board then. I've got a copy for you as
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                well. I'll stand here if that's okay.
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                        Can everybody see this?
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                        MS. LANGRAF: Do you have a copy
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                for the Clerk?
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                        MR. O'BRIEN: We have a copy, but
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                I'll just play it one time for everybody.
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                    (Thereupon, video played.)
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                        MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Mr. O'Brien,
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                if you're -- if you're ready, back to my
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                initial question. What are we doing here
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                today? What are you --
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                        MR. O'BRIEN: We are into --
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                        MR. KOUDELA: -- looking to do?
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MR. O'BRIEN: We are here today because we would like the Board to agree with us that the Violation Notice does not comply with the 2015 Property Maintenance Code because it does not provide an adequate amount of time under the circumstances to address the issue and bring the property into compliance.

Again, 2015 Property Maintenance

Code, which is incorporated into the

Codified Ordinances of the City of

Willowick by Section 1367.01 thereof

requires that adequate notice be given, and

that the landlord be given or the property

owner be given an adequate amount of time,

not only to correct the violation, but to

bring the property back into compliance

with the provisions of the Code.

And we submit to you -- we contend
that a Property Maintenance Violation of
the notice that only gives five days to
bring the property into compliance, which
means to exterminate all pests under the
Property Maintenance Code section, which in
this case is 309.1 does not give adequate

amount of time. 1 2 So, we are asking the City to 3 amend, at the very least, the Violation Notice to allow my client enough time to 5 bring the property back into the compliance, which would include then, you 6 7 know, giving them enough time to get the tenant who will not let them in, to let 8 9 them in to perform what needs to be 10 performed, which is infestation this 11 instance. 12 MR. KOUDELA: Okay. 13 MR. O'BRIEN: Thank you. 14 MR. FLAISIG: Mr. O'Brien, is that 15 tenant still occupying Apartment 850? MS. HARTMAN: She is currently 16 17 under eviction, so I'm just waiting on that timeframe. 18 19 MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah, We filed an 20 eviction case in the Willoughby Municipal 21 Court. This is one of the Section 8 2.2 tenants from the Lake Municipal Housing 23 Authority. 24 Lake Municipal Housing Authority 25 has terminated their contracts with

Shoregate Towers. Those units -- those tenants who have failed to vacate their units and find new housing and who are not paying their rent, are now being evicted for non payment of rent.

And this unit should be -- I believe we're scheduled on this case to go before the Willoughby Municipal Court on March 4th, which means that we anticipate getting a judgement on that date, which means by the middle of March this tenant should have vacated.

So, we would ask that you give
us -- and since they won't let us gain
entry to the unit, since they're barring
the door and not answering and not letting
us in, we ask that you give us at least
until a few days after that date, until say
March 20th, to go and treat for roaches and
to fix whatever problems are in the unit.

MR. KOUDELA: Okay.

MR. O'BRIEN: And I have here a thumb drive, it contains the video. So, if I can submit it, the material to the Clerk.

MR. KOUDELA: Yep.

1 MR. O'BRIEN: Thank you. MR. FLAISIG: Now do you have 2 3 video of your attempts on February 2nd and 4 February 9th, the two Fridays after your 5 26th attempt of attempting to gain access to the property? 6 7 MR. O'BRIEN: I have not 8 [unintelligible] no, but -- will this 9 tenant allow you to gain entry to that unit? 10 11 MS. HARTMAN: No, they will not 12 answer any phone calls, they will not 13 answer any messages. They want nothing to 14 do with me. 15 MR. O'BRIEN: The point is just that the Property Maintenance Code states 16 17 that notice shall be given and that the notice shall include a reasonable time in 18 19 which to ameliorate the problem and to 20 bring the property back into compliance. 21 The Code also requires -- or also 2.2 states that not just the building owner or 23 the property owner, but also the occupant 24 of the unit, you know, can be cited for 25 such -- for any [unintelligible] under the

1	Code. And in this case, the occupant
2	wasn't cited, but only the property.
3	MS. CLARKE: Mr. O'Brien, I just
4	have a couple questions.
5	MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah.
6	MS. LANGRAF: : So, on the 24th
7	you got a notice that you needed to
8	promptly exterminate insects and roaches
9	throughout Apartment 850 in the East
10	Building, right? Your tenant did? Your
11	client?
12	MR. O'BRIEN: My client received
13	that, yes.
14	MS. LANGRAF: : Okay. And then
15	that video, it said she went there on the
16	26th; is that right?
17	MR. O'BRIEN: So, it was the 26th?
18	MS. HARTMAN: Let me confirm in my
19	cellphone because that's the day that I
20	sent it to you, so
21	MR. O'BRIEN: I confirmed that you
22	sent me the video on January 26th at 2:34
23	P.M.
24	MS. LANGRAF: : Okay.
25	MR. O'BRIEN: And Sean Ford is the

1	technician for Ehrlich Pest Control that
2	could that has been coming, I don't
3	know, probably a couple years, before your
4	time
5	MS. HARTMAN: Yeah.
6	MR. O'BRIEN: to perform pest
7	control maintenance at the property every
8	Friday.
9	MS. LANGRAF: : Sure.
10	MR. O'BRIEN: And so, they they
11	have a contract that says that Ehrlich will
12	will will treat not just common areas
13	in the building, but they'll also treat a
14	number of units every Friday, that's 18
15	units.
16	So, if Stephanie tells them that
17	we need these units treated, they will go
18	treat them.
19	MS. LANGRAF: : Okay. So, on the
20	24th, you got a notice from the City that
21	there was an issue in Apartment 850. Do
22	you know if that apartment was already
23	scheduled with Sean that day or did you
24	tell them to go there?
25	MS. HARTMAN: I'm sorry, repeat

1	the question. Because it would've been for
2	sure the 26th. I'm sorry, I was just
3	looking at the date because the date is the
4	is a Friday.
5	MS. LANGRAF: : Was that apartment
6	scheduled for the pest control on the 26th
7	or did you add that onto the to the
8	MS. HARTMAN: I added that on
9	MS. LANGRAF: [unintelligible].
10	Okay.
11	MS. HARTMAN: yeah.
12	MS. LANGRAF: : So, the compliance
13	date was January 29th, but you were at the
14	apartment with pest control on the 26th.
15	MS. HARTMAN: Correct.
16	MS. LANGRAF: : And you're here
17	today saying that the 29th was not a
18	reasonable amount of time to get pest
19	control to the apartment?
20	MS. HARTMAN: They refused entry.
21	MS. LANGRAF: : And then your
22	appeal was filed on the 26th as well?
23	MR. O'BRIEN: I filed I think I
24	brought the appeal I brought the appeal
25	in on the 29th.

1	MS. LANGRAF: : 29th. But you
2	served it on the City on the
3	MR. O'BRIEN: And for some reason
4	it says received on the 26th.
5	MS. LANGRAF: : Yeah.
6	MR. O'BRIEN: And I know because
7	when I arrived I saw Mr. Brennan at the
8	window, and I was given or no, no,
9	that's not right. I came, I brought it in
10	the 26th, and then I was told to come back
11	on the 29th. So yes, I filed this on the
12	26th.
13	MS. LANGRAF: : Okay.
14	MR. BRENNAN: Mr. Chairman
15	MR. KOUDELA: Yes.
16	MR. BRENNAN: I believe this
17	was a Friday.
18	MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah, so I came in
19	on a Friday.
20	MR. BRENNAN: Yeah, it was on a
21	Friday, and I don't know exactly what the
22	date was on that Friday.
23	MR. O'BRIEN: That was the 26th.
24	It was the 26th, and then Sean said the
25	secretary wasn't there, and then I get

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called and I got called and I came back on the 29th and gave him the check, and I got -- and then received the paperwork on that date. But yes, I was there on the 26th because if we believe that a Violation Notice did not comply with the Code, that we have 20 days then to -- under the Code -- to file an appeal with this Board.

And I didn't believe that at that time -- that giving five days' notice to eradicate all pests in one apartment is reasonable. I also -- I mean, you know, I also believe that -- and not that the Board cares about this, you might care about this -- I also think that, you know, that the ordinance itself is violative to a substantive due process because it doesn't provide, you know, reasonable time to comply necessarily, because the definition of infestation under this -- under this Property Maintenance Code means even one insect or one rodent, so I don't know how anybody could ever comply with the Code when it says that even one bug is an infestation. And it's impossible in a 403

1 unit, two-tower apartment building to not have one bug in the unit. 2 3 And I know you would understand what substitute process is, I don't think 5 necessarily the Board does, but I don't think that the Code complies with due 6 7 process in that regard because I think it's 8 impossible not to have one bug in an entire 9 apartment complex of this size. 10 MS. LANGRAF: : So as of today, 11 you haven't been able to get into the 12 apartment? 13 MS. HARTMAN: I have not. 14 MS. LANGRAF: : So, you're asking 15 for -- until March, what? 20th? 16 MR. O'BRIEN: We anticipate that 17 on March 4th, barring anybody, you know, 18 entering an appearance on behalf of the 19 tenant and asking for an extension or 20 anything, we anticipate that this person will be -- will -- that my client will 21 2.2 receive a writ of restitution allowing 7 to 23 10 days for the person to get out as of 24 March 4th. 25 So I would anticipate that by the

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middle of March this person should have been removed from the property and they can get in -- problems for the towers is that there are numerous tenants -- there are numerous tenants who are very good tenants and there are numerous tenants who were very bad tenants and they're in the process of evicting -- evicting all the very bad tenants. The ones who do not comply with their obligations under Ohio Landlord Tenant Acts to keep their property clean. And also under this Property Maintenance Code, tenants are required to keep their property clean, to do things like not allow bugs or roaches to come in, to remove their garbage, to clean their apartment. There are some people who do not. There are some people who, you know, are very bad tenants and allow filth to accumulate in their apartments, which attracts, you know, pests.

So, you know, when you've got
tenants like that, and those tenants will
not allow management access to the property
to allow them to ameliorate the problem

1	that the tenants themselves are creating,
2	it's very difficult to try to fix the
3	problem.
4	And so, although Stephanie tries
5	very hard to do that, sometimes she's not
6	allowed to do it because the people just
7	won't let her in.
8	So, we just ask you to give us
9	additional time to allow the problem to be
10	fixed I would say, you know, 10th of
11	March. So, we would like you to amend the
12	Violation Notice to give us additional time
13	and fix the problem.
14	MR. FLAISIG: Now, at the time of
15	the attempt to get into the Apartment 850,
16	was the common areas like the hallway,
17	stairwell, were those sprayed?
18	MS. HARTMAN: Yes.
19	MR. FLAISIG: So basically, trying
20	to contain them
21	MS. HARTMAN: Yes.
22	MR. FLAISIG: In the apartment?
23	MS. HARTMAN: Uh-huh.
24	UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: And does Sean
25	he but when he does get in, he'll

1	spray the doorways, right?
2	MS. HARTMAN: He he sprays,
3	sorry. He will spray the doorway and he
4	will spray throughout the hallway and the
5	door frame.
6	MR. HILL: You keep mentioning
7	this the name Sean. Now does he do
8	does he do this by himself or does he have
9	a crew?
10	MR. O'BRIEN: No, he works for a
11	company called Ehrlich Pest Control.
12	MR. HILL: But when he you say
13	he comes every Friday.
14	MR. O'BRIEN: He is the technician
15	that comes every Friday
16	MR. HILL: By himself?
17	MR. O'BRIEN: By himself that does
18	these two buildings.
19	MR. HILL: So, you're talking
20	about keeping pest control down, how does
21	one person that's 27 weeks to do to
22	do every unit from one person. How is that
23	manageable?
24	MR. O'BRIEN: If there's an issue,
25	I mean, not every apartment has an issue.

1 There are many people at Shoregate Towers 2 who are very happy there to keep their 3 apartments clean. They don't have issues 4 with pests, but we also -- there're also 5 two other companies too. There's a company called Porch's Pest Control, which also 6 7 performs -- pest controls the property. 8 There's also --9 MS. HARTMAN: [Unintelligible]. 10 MR. O'BRIEN -- what? And there's 11 also T&L, Tillman, which also does other 12 pest control. So there are actually three companies that are performing pest control 13 14 services at the property, not just Ehrlich. 15 Ehrlich has the biggest contract. 16 They are the one that was tasked with 17 treating for bugs and rodents throughout 18 the property, common areas, exteriors, and 19 a limited number of apartments every week. BY MR. O'BRIEN 20 21 Q. But how many -- how many times do you think -- do 2.2 you think, like, do you treat 18 units every 23 week? 24 Α. We treat 18 units. If we have someone that has

like a bedbug issue, then we treat about 16

1 because the bedbug issue takes close to an hour-and-a-half, so it's like one to two less. 2 3 MS. CLARKE: So, was any further 4 attempt made to enter the apartment and 5 treat it or --MS. HARTMAN: Sean has tried to go 6 7 two other times and they just refused any 8 service. He has not tried to key in, but 9 he has knocked. 10 MS. CLARKE: So, the people don't 11 ever leave like their apartment, like you 12 can't --13 MS. HARTMAN: I don't know. 14 MR. O'BRIEN: I mean, he comes every Friday, you know. 15 The point -- our point is that, 16 17 you know, there has to be a reasonable 18 opportunity to not only fix the problem, 19 but bring the property back into 20 compliance, and, you know, we, Shoregate 21 Towers has contracted with different pest 2.2 control companies, the problem is that they can't be there every day all day long, and 23 24 although --25 BY MR. O'BRIEN

Steph, do you make attempt to contact these 1 Q. 2 people so that we can get in? I do. 3 Α. 4 MS. HARTMAN: Am I allowed to say 5 something? MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah, go ahead. 6 7 MS. HARTMAN: Okay. So, they -actually the children in that unit have 8 9 been writing all kinds of vulgar things on 10 the walls as well. So, they refuse to make 11 any contact with me because they're writing 12 the "N" word on the walls. They're writing 13 O - S-H-I-T all over. So, they refuse to 14 have any contact with me due to the 15 eviction. So, they want nothing to do with 16 us and they're just waiting to -- for their 17 final day, apparently. 18 MS. CLARKE: How do you know that? 19 MS. HARTMAN: Because they threw a 20 bag of dog poop at one of my maintenance 21 guys. 2.2 MS. CLARKE: But how do you know 23 they're writing on the inside of the 24 apartment if you can't get into it?

MS. HARTMAN: Not on the inside of

1	the apartment, on the inside of the
2	stairwells.
3	BZA MEMBER: Did you go back with
4	Sean the next two times that he attempted
5	to go in?
6	MS. HARTMAN: I did not.
7	BZA MEMBER: Okay. So, there was
8	no attempt to key in. You don't know that
9	the door was barred?
10	MS. HARTMAN: He just told me.
11	Because when I'm the only one in the
12	office, I don't have time to go every
13	single time.
14	BZA MEMBER: Why did you go the
15	one time you did go?
16	MS. HARTMAN: Because I wanted to
17	prove I wanted to prove that they
18	refused to let us in.
19	BZA MEMBER: So, I guess what's
20	the difference between the next two if
21	we've had this appeal holding? I mean, I
22	would've I would've expected that we
23	would've done the same thing each time,
24	right?
25	MS. HARTMAN: To be honest, I

1 didn't know that I was going to have to be here, and I didn't know that I would even 2 3 take a video, I just wanted to prove it 4 that one time to him. 5 BZA MEMBER: How did they -- how did we find this for the team -- how did we 6 7 get in there the first time to find this? 8 MR. BRENNAN: Mr. Chairman? 9 MR. KOUDELA: Yes, sir. 10 MR. BRENNAN: I was on an annual 11 inspection. This Apartment 850 in the East 12 Building was one of the last few apartments 13 that we had to get into complete our annual 14 inspection. And while we were doing this inspection, my other inspector Alfredo was 15 16 with me also. We were walking through the 17 apartment trying to do our inspection and 18 he was in the dining room, he noticed some 19 roaches -- I do have some pictures here. I 20 just brought them with me and brought one 21 for Mr. O'Brien to take a look at them. 2.2 These -- if you'll want to just 23 pass those down. 24 MR. BRENNAN: So, Alfredo took the

picture in the dining room and it's going

1	to be the first page. As I was walking
2	down the hallway going towards the back
3	bedrooms, the bathroom area, there was
4	roaches on the ceilings, and then as we
5	opened up the bathroom door excuse me
6	you could see lots of roaches all over the
7	top of the door, also was in the bathroom,
8	there was roaches all over the walls.
9	BZA MEMBER: How did you gain
10	access to this apartment?
11	MR. BRENNAN: I was in that
12	apartment with the maintenance man oh,
13	my mind is going blank with his name.
14	MS. HARTMAN: Justin.
15	MR. BRENNAN: Justin, Justin Clay.
16	BZA MEMBER: How did you enter,
17	did you knock and the tenant let you in?
18	MR. BRENNAN: Justin knocked on
19	the door. He had the key and he opened the
20	door.
21	BZA MEMBER: Now have the adjacent
22	apartments been checked? Because I mean,
23	from these pictures there's no way they're
24	contained the one in this one apartment.
25	They're just not possible.

1	MS. HARTMAN: I would have to see
2	my pest control list to make sure that they
3	were or not.
4	MS. LANGRAF: : In the interest
5	for clarity, we're only here on Apartment
6	850.
7	BZA MEMBER: Now my question is
8	any other adjacent is checked?
9	BZA MEMBER: Mr. Brennan?
10	MR. O'BRIEN: Do not know.
11	MS. HARTMAN: I do not know.
12	MR. O'BRIEN: If she doesn't know,
13	she doesn't know.
14	BZA MEMBER: Mr. O'Brien brings up
15	a reasonable amount of time. In your
16	opinion, is five days long enough? I mean,
17	is that somewhat standard?
18	MR. BRENNAN: Mr. Chairman?
19	MR. KOUDELA: Yes.
20	MR. BRENNAN: Yes, I believe
21	that's enough time to have that apartment
22	treated.
23	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Mr. Brennan,
24	how much notice do you have to give the
25	apartment to go there? Like you didn't

1	have any issues with gaining entry, did you
2	give notice, or did you just show up and
3	say we're here for inspection?
4	MR. BRENNAN: When we make an
5	appointment for an annual inspection, they
6	notify their tenants. So, this was one of
7	the straggler apartments where we couldn't
8	have entry in, so
9	MR. KOUDELA: Okay.
10	MR. BRENNAN: while we were
11	there, we did make entry. There was no
12	door lock, no hotel lock on it. The trim
13	was busted off on the inside of the door
14	MR. KOUDELA: Okay.
15	MR. BRENNAN: so
16	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Thank you.
17	MR. BRENNAN: Uh-huh.
18	MR. KOUDELA: Any other questions?
19	BZA MEMBER: Yeah. So so I
20	guess my next question here, why
21	Stephanie, you said that you won't go if
22	you're the only one. So, in the situation
23	here, Sean took Justin in. Was there no
24	maintenance man to attend the second time
25	to validate nobody could get in and these

1	two subsequent attempts to enter the
2	MS. HARTMAN: I did not require
3	anybody to go with him after that.
4	BZA MEMBER: Okay.
5	MS. HARTMAN: I thought that my
6	one video was going to be proof enough.
7	BZA MEMBER: Does Sean have a key
8	to get in on his own or did you have to
9	provide him a key during that day?
10	MS. HARTMAN: I have to provide a
11	key
12	BZA MEMBER: Okay.
13	MS. HARTMAN: yeah.
14	BZA MEMBER: So, we made no
15	attempt other than knocking on the door the
16	next few times?
17	MS. HARTMAN: Correct.
18	BZA MEMBER: But we made three
19	attempts?
20	MS. HARTMAN: Correct.
21	BZA MEMBER: Okay. So, three
22	attempts since the 26th to do this, but
23	it's not been completed?
24	MS. HARTMAN: Correct.
25	BZA MEMBER: And again, the

1 argument is adequate time, correct? 2 MS. HARTMAN: Correct. 3 BZA MEMBER: Okay. And we've made 4 three attempts? 5 MS. HARTMAN: Correct. 6 BZA MEMBER: Okay. 7 MR. O'BRIEN: The point though is that the -- the Notice of Violation itself 8 9 again dated the 24th day of January, which 10 was a Wednesday, and my client attempted to 11 fix the problem on Friday the 26th, and the 12 compliance date was the 29th, which 13 would've been the following Monday. 14 So, under the circumstances when 15 -- when Mr. Brennan's well aware of the 16 fact that Sean Brennan to come into -- that 17 Sean Ford comes to the property every 18 Friday and does these treatments. 19 question is if my client is not able to 20 gain access on that date, that Friday, is 21 requiring the property to be treated and 2.2 brought back in compliance by that next 23 Monday, is that a reasonable amount of time 24 under the ordinance, and we submit that 25 it's not.

1	BZA MEMBER: Well, I so you
2	stated there are three companies that work
3	for the property.
4	MR. O'BRIEN: Yes. They do
5	different things.
6	BZA MEMBER: So, do all three of
7	them handle infestations?
8	MR. O'BRIEN: No, that is the
9	contract with Ehrlich for this kind of
10	problem, for bugs in particular. So, if
11	somebody says, I have a problem with
12	roaches or with other bugs, bed bugs, then
13	Stephanie will contact Ehrlich, let them
14	know you've got to treat this unit. And
15	she'll give a list of units to treat and
16	they would go to those units, but Mr. Ford
17	can't be expected to hang around, you know,
18	all day or come back numerous other days to
19	try to address the issue if the tenants are
20	not going to allow them
21	BZA MEMBER: Well
22	MR. O'BRIEN: into the
23	property.
24	BZA MEMBER: So, then my next
25	guestion is, if another tenant gets a

1	bedbug infestation on a Monday, do they
2	wait till Friday to have that resolved?
3	MR. O'BRIEN: Yes. If they're
4	if they're if the if my client is
5	told on a Monday that there's an issue that
6	it's Friday that will be addressed.
7	BZA MEMBER: There's no exception
8	to that rule? There's no exception to
9	Ehrlich coming out except on a Friday?
10	MR. O'BRIEN: No. The tenants
11	also have an obligation under the 2015
12	Property Maintenance Code and under Ohio's
13	Landlord Tenant Act to make sure that their
14	property is not infested. So, it doesn't
15	only fall upon the landlord, this when
16	it comes to that, you know, the tenant is
17	also responsible for making sure there is
18	not garbage that is that is allowed to
19	fester in their unit, which attracts pests.
20	They are also required for
21	BZA MEMBER: And, Mr. O'Brien, you
22	don't know if there is garbage
23	BZA MEMBER: But the tenant is not
24	cited for that
25	BZA MEMBER: right?

1	MR. O'BRIEN: I don't know that,
2	no.
3	BZA MEMBER: Okay.
4	MR. O'BRIEN: Do you know what was
5	the condition of this unit, Stephanie?
6	MS. HARTMAN: I've never been able
7	to go inside that unit.
8	MR. O'BRIEN: They will not allow
9	you to go in?
10	BZA MEMBER: So, we don't know if
11	that's the garbage, so that's neither here
12	nor there?
13	BZA MEMBER: That's so again.
14	MR. O'BRIEN: We don't.
15	BZA MEMBER: We weren't we
16	weren't cited the tenant wasn't cited,
17	right? There was a citation, so again,
18	there's no exception to a Friday. That is
19	the only day that Ehrlich will come out,
20	that is that's the question. There's no
21	exception to that rule?
22	MR. O'BRIEN: Does Justin will
23	Justin go there? Will your maintenance man
24	go there
25	MS. HARTMAN: For?

1	MR. O'BRIEN: For any kind of
2	infestation or not?
3	MS. HARTMAN: No. So, you are not
4	allowed to mix chemicals. So, if I have
5	Ehrlich coming in to spray for roaches and
6	I get another company to spray for roaches,
7	it could technically hurt the person that's
8	in there because chemicals and chemicals
9	cannot like meet together.
10	BZA MEMBER: Well, I wouldn't
11	expect the maintenance guy to do that
12	MS. HARTMAN: Yeah.
13	BZA MEMBER: I'm asking if the
14	exterminating company would come back and
15	do that on an ad hoc basis.
16	MR. O'BRIEN: No, it's
17	unreasonable to say that in 403 apartment
18	complex that you have to have
19	BZA MEMBER; We're dealing with
20	one, we're here for 850.
21	MR O'BRIEN: I know that. We're
22	talking about a complex that has 403 units.
23	And to say that they have to have a pest
24	control company on, you know, call to come
25	out and treat whenever a property, tenants

that they have an issue is unreasonable.

read the Property Maintenance Code, it says that, you know, before there can be any kind of Violation Notice for any kind of problem, and before there can be any action taken, that the City has to not only provide notice, but give a reasonable opportunity to fix the problem. And the question here is not whether or not the property, that the problem's been fixed, but whether or not a reasonable opportunity was given to the landlord to fix the problem.

And we're just saying that giving five days to fix a problem when a tenant is not allowing access to the landlord is unreasonable. That's what we are saying.

MS. CLARKE: Isn't your argument, not whether it's reasonable, but whether it's reasonable to Shoregate Towers, that's what you're asking us to do.

MR. O'BRIEN: No, my argument is it's reasonable under the circumstances. So if you -- and you'll have the

opportunity to do this, but if you look at Sections 106 and 107 of the Code, you'll see that what is required is that not only -- and this is Section 107.2, Subsection 4, says that the Violation Notice and it states, and I quote, "include a correctional order allowing a reasonable time to make repairs and improvements required to bring the dwelling unit or structure into compliance with the provisions of the Code."

So, it's not [unintelligible] to have to give a reasonable opportunity to fix the problem, and that means, you know, ameliorating the problem entirely, eradicating the unit of any pests.

So, the question is, under the circumstances is five days a reasonable opportunity to fix this problem in this unit? And we contend that it is not, especially when the tenant that is in that unit who knows they're being evicted, will not allow the property owner to come in to that unit and fix the problem. And they bar the door and they don't allow somebody

1	to come in and they won't answer the door
2	when they knock, you can't expect my client
3	
	to be able to ameliorate the problem.
4	MS. CLARKE: Are we to expect the
5	Zoning Inspector to anticipate that
6	somebody's going to barricade themselves in
7	the apartment
8	MR. O'BRIEN: No.
9	MS. CLARKE: when they issue a
10	citation?
11	MR. O'BRIEN: No.
12	MS. CLARKE: So, how would we know
13	what would be reasonable in that
14	circumstance?
15	MR. O'BRIEN: Because you're
16	hearing the testimony of my client, Mr.
17	Brennan.
18	MS. CLARKE: I absolutely am, but
19	he issued the notice based on his
20	inspection.
21	MR. O'BRIEN: Yes.
22	MS. CLARKE: Not what happened
23	after the inspection?
24	MR. O'BRIEN: Yes.
25	MR. KOUDELA: Is the goal, if

1	there is an extension, which we're looking
2	at, by my quick math, from going from five
3	days to about 65 days, right? Riding about
4	two months' worth of time, that's what
5	we're looking for, will there be a check
6	every Friday? Will someone be with the
7	pest control every Friday keying in,
8	attempting to gain a like this is
9	MR. O'BRIEN: Yes.
10	MR. KOUDELA: this is my
11	this is my point of contention is that
12	there has while there've been three
13	attempts, there's only one attempt shown so
14	far where we made a, what I would consider
15	reasonable attempt to gain access
16	MR. O'BRIEN: Stephanie will go
17	back every Friday.
18	MR. KOUDELA: the second and
19	third time were knocks.
20	MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah, Stephanie will
21	go back every Friday, she'll take another
22	video every Friday and we can come back
23	here every week if you like to verify what
24	happened on every Friday.
25	MR. KOUDELA: I would just expect

1 that we would be taking all measurable steps when we have something of an appeal 2 involved. 3 4 MR. O'BRIEN: Yes. 5 BZA MEMBER: So, Mr. O'Brien, you're looking for an extension until March 6 7 20th. Do you feel that that's adequate 8 time? That's what we're here for today. 9 MR. O'BRIEN: I -- you know, 10 barring any other circumstances to prevent 11 my client from being able to treat, yes. 12 But, you know, if Lake County Fair Housing 13 decides that they want to represent this 14 tenant on a pro bono basis and they ask for 15 something like a jury trial and eviction -which you can do, believe it or not -- and 16 17 it takes longer to hear this complaint, 18 longer to get this tenant evicted even 19 though they're behind on the rent for how 20 long now? 21 MS. HARTMAN: Several months. 2.2 MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah. I mean, I 23 would anticipate that this tenant would --24 my client would receive a writ of 25 restitution and that there would be an

1	order ordering the tenant to vacate within
2	seven to 10 days of March 4th. That's what
3	I think would probably happen, but I can't
4	guarantee it because I'm not the judge and
5	I don't control the court.
6	But I would anticipate that by the
7	end of March that this problem, that this
8	apartment would have been cleaned out and
9	that any problems with the apartment
10	would've been fixed.
11	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Thank you.
12	MR. O'BRIEN: Yep. You're
13	welcome.
14	MR. KOUDELA: Mr. Brennan, one
15	one more question just to clarify, what day
16	was your inspection?
17	MR. BRENNAN: The date of the
18	notice was my inspection.
19	MR. KOUDELA: So, the 24th?
20	MR. BRENNAN: Correct.
21	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. And you had
22	no issues gaining access that day?
23	MR. BRENNAN: With Justin, the
24	maintenance director.
25	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. All right.

1	Thank you.
2	MR. O'BRIEN: And Justin could go
3	back too. I mean Stephanie and Justin did
4	both go back.
5	BZA MEMBER: Well, yeah.
6	MR. O'BRIEN: They'd be glad to do
7	so.
8	MR. KOUDELA: And did he do so
9	since the 26th?
10	MS. HARTMAN: Have we has Sean
11	been back?
12	MR. KOUDELA: Has Justin?
13	MS. HARTMAN: Oh, I don't recall.
14	MR. O'BRIEN: No. Justin's job is
15	not to deal with infestation issues. So,
16	Justin is the maintenance director of the
17	property, his primary function is to deal
18	with things like water leaks, electrical
19	problems, minor carpentry issues, you know,
20	so we have problems like tenants who have
21	been recently evicted, come back after the
22	locks are changed and kick their door in,
23	you know.
24	And, you know, there are numerous
25	problems at Shoregate Towers that, you

1	know, make it difficult to control this,
2	but understand when people do things like
3	come back after they're evicted to face the
4	property, you know, and engage in
5	vandalism, kick their door in, you know,
6	sometimes do really horrible things.
7	MR. KOUDELA: Now, Mr. O'Brien,
8	was this done to Apartment 850?
9	MR. O'BRIEN: No, they're still
10	there.
11	MR. KOUDELA: So that doesn't
12	apply to what we're talking about.
13	MR. O'BRIEN: But what I'm saying
14	is that the maintenance director has many
15	other things to deal with. This is a
16	property that's probably 50 years old. The
17	towers were built in 1970. They were
18	finished in 1971 and 1972. So, they're
19	over 50 years old. And with a building of
20	that age, you're going to have a lot of
21	problems when you've got 403 units. You're
22	going to have water leaks, you're going to
23	have, you know, electrical issues, and the
24	maintenance director and the maintenance
25	staff currently that are in-house, they

1	primarily deal with those issues. They
2	don't deal with infestations. They don't
3	deal with pest control. There are outside
4	companies that are hired for that. And at
5	this point, there are three different
6	companies who do that right now. And
7	Ehrlich is the biggest one, and they're the
8	ones that deals with things like roach
9	infestation. So, if there's a problem
10	problem with roach infestations in a
11	particular unit, Ehrlich will deal with
12	that. And they do 18 units every single
13	week, and they do all the common areas
14	every single week, but and then I and
15	and I don't think that that overloads
16	the property, does it? I mean
17	MS. HARTMAN: No.
18	MR. O'BRIEN: that's more than
19	enough [unintelligible] for the
20	[unintelligible] received
21	MS. HARTMAN: Yes.
22	MR. O'BRIEN: is that fair to
23	state?
24	MS. HARTMAN: Yes.
25	MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. So they're

1	able to deal with complaints received and
2	they do it every Friday. The point is
3	that, you know, if a notice is given on a
4	Wednesday and Ehrlich is there on Friday
5	and my client can't gain access, they have
6	to get a reasonable opportunity to deal
7	with that problem under those
8	circumstances, that's all we're asking.
9	BZA MEMBER: They didn't try to
10	reenter on Monday?
11	MR. O'BRIEN: No. Mr. Ford is
12	there on Fridays.
13	MR. KOUDELA: And you do not have
14	video of him trying to gain entry February
15	2 nd
16	MR. O'BRIEN: No.
17	MR. KOUDELA: or February 9th?
18	MR. O'BRIEN: No.
19	MR. KOUDELA: Okay.
20	MS. CLARKE: So, is that
21	scheduled, like recommended by the pest
22	control company or is that what Shoregate
23	Towers hires them to do? Like, is there a
24	reason why they can't come back more often?
25	MR. O'BRIEN: Well, I think it

would become economically inefficient to 1 have somebody come back more than once a 2 3 week to try to deal with issues like this. 4 I mean, yes, in a perfect world they could 5 have a person on staff that's just there to deal with that issue, but the question is, 6 7 is it reasonable to require that, you know, 8 under all circumstances. I don't think it 9 is, and that's all we're saying. 10 It's like they're glad to deal 11 with the pest control issues, they do, on a 12 regular basis, every single week. They 13 deal with this every week. The point is 14 that when you've got somebody that won't 15 let you into an apartment, you probably should be, you know, allowed more 16 17 [unintelligible] to fix the problem so we 18 can get access. 19 MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Any other 20 questions? 21 BZA MEMBER: I think one last 2.2 question. Do we know the last time this 23 apartment was sprayed? 24 MR. O'BRIEN: Do you know? 25 MS. HARTMAN: Unless I had the

1	records, I do not know, off the top of my
2	head.
3	BZA MEMBER: But
4	MS. HARTMAN: She never called,
5	she never for anything.
6	MR. O'BRIEN: Was there a
7	complaint made?
8	MS. HARTMAN: No.
9	MR. O'BRIEN: So, this is just Mr.
10	Brennan on his annual inspection
11	determining there was an issue?
12	MS. HARTMAN: Correct.
13	BZA MEMBER: So, when you do 18
14	every Friday, is it routine that every
15	building will go in a set order or do those
16	18 only include complaints?
17	MS. HARTMAN: We'll do complaints
18	and then we'll do vacants.
19	MR. O'BRIEN: But she but the
20	tenant who's the tenant in 850?
21	MS. HARTMAN: Leena Cunningham I
22	believe it is.
23	MR. O'BRIEN: Okay.
24	MS. HARTMAN: I can pull it up if
25	you'd like to look

1	MR. O'BRIEN: No, that's okay.
2	It's La La Linaria [phonetic]
3	MS. HARTMAN: Linaria.
4	MR. O'BRIEN: Linaria
5	Cunningham. Yeah, Ms. Cunningham has been
6	there how long?
7	MS. HARTMAN: Do you want me to
8	pull it up?
9	MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah.
10	MS. HARTMAN: Okay. November
11	22nd, 2022 was her application. She moved
12	in on December 15th of 2022.
13	MR. KOUDELA: All right. Any
14	other questions? Any other comments that
15	you'd like to make?
16	MR. O'BRIEN: No, thank you.
17	MR. KOUDELA: So, on this vote,
18	Ms. Landgraf, if you could just clarify, an
19	approval on Case Number 24-1 would mean
20	that we agree with Shoregate Towers, the
21	property owner, correct?
22	MS. LANDGRAF: So, this is an
23	appeal filed by Shoregate Towers, NS, and
24	the other individuals listed. So, they're
25	appealing, and Mr. O'Brien's asked a couple

1	things, first to either agree with the
2	applicant that this was not appropriately
3	applied to the situation, but I've also
4	heard him ask for an extension of time.
5	So, did you want to did you
6	want them to vote on both of those or
7	MR. O'BRIEN: Yes, I would like to
8	vote first to vote on whether or not they
9	believe that -
10	MS. LANGRAF: It was a
11	MR. O'BRIEN: five days is the
12	maximum amount of time pursuant to this
13	particular Codified Ordinance, and second
14	of all, whether or not they're willing to
15	grant an extension until the end of March
16	to repair this problem.
17	MS. LANGRAF: Okay. So, first
18	there would be a motion to grant the appeal
19	of the stated appellants with regards to
20	application of the Property Maintenance
21	Code in which your vote would say we agree
22	that it was appropriately applied, or a
23	vote no would be, you don't believe that it
24	was appropriately applied.

BZA MEMBER: Okay.

1	MS. LANGRAF: The second motion
2	would be for an appeal on the basis of an
3	extension of time. That's what you're
4	asking for?
5	MR. O'BRIEN: Yes.
6	MS. LANGRAF: Okay.
7	MR. KOUDELA: And we could just
8	use March 20th as
9	MS. LANGRAF: That's what they're
10	asking
11	MR. KOUDELA: a date to throw
12	out there, is that what you're asking for?
13	MR. O'BRIEN: I'm asking for the
14	end of March because I can't guarantee that
15	the you know, March 20th. I think in
16	all likelihood this tenant will be ordered
17	to vacate at least by March 14th, but I
18	can't guarantee that. Sometimes court are
19	required to generally they're required
20	to order a move out 7 to 10 days after the
21	date of the First Cause Hearing for a writ
22	of restitution, but that doesn't mean they
23	will, and that doesn't mean they won't also
24	grant some kind of continuance so that
25	hearing doesn't take place for another week

1	or two weeks, so I don't know that at this
2	point in time, so I would say to be safe,
3	I'm asking until the end of March.
4	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Mr. O'Brien,
5	can you please give me a date in the end of
6	March.
7	MR. O'BRIEN: I said the end of
8	March, so, March 31st.
9	MR. KOUDELA: 31st. Okay.
10	MR. O'BRIEN: Yes.
11	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Would
12	somebody would like to make a motion or,
13	Ms. Langraf, would you like me to do it?
14	MS. LANGRAF: I'll give it a shot.
15	MR. KOUDELA: All right, Ms.
16	Langraf, thank you.
17	MS. LANGRAF: So, the first motion
18	is going to be a motion to grant the appeal
19	of Shoregate Towers NS, LLC, Lemma Getachew
20	and Guenet Indale with regards to Property
21	Maintenance Code violation dated January
22	24th, 2024, Apartment 850 in the East
23	Building for a violation of Property
24	Maintenance Code 309.1 on the basis of
25	reasonableness for time for compliance,

1	okay?
2	So, that means the Appellant is
3	requesting you to grant the appeal on the
4	basis that they were not given sufficient
5	time a reasonable amount of time to
6	comply with the notice.
7	MR. YARLETTS: Okay. I second.
8	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Second.
9	Thank you Mr. Yarletts.
10	MS. LANGRAF: So a vote yes, would
11	be you agree with Shoregate Towers
12	MR. KOUDELA: Okay.
13	MS. LANGRAF: a vote no would
14	mean that the Violation Notice stands as
15	issued.
16	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Thank you.
17	Can I get a roll call, please.
18	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Koudela?
19	MR. KOUDELA: No.
20	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Flaisig?
21	MR. FLAISIG: No.
22	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Yarletts?
23	MR. YARLETTS: Nay.
24	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Hill?
25	MR. HILL: No.

1	MADAM SECRETARY: And Ms. Clarke?
2	MS. CLARKE: No.
3	MS. LANGRAF: The second motion is
4	the motion to grant the appeal of Shoregate
5	Towers NS, LLC, Lemma Getachew and Guenet
6	Indale to the Willoughby Prop Willowick
7	Property Maintenance Code violation dated
8	January 24th, 2024, Apartment 850 in the
9	East Building for a violation of Property
10	Maintenance Code 309.1 to grant an
11	extension of time to March 31st, 2024 to
12	comply with the stated notice.
13	MR. YARLETTS: I'll second.
14	MS. LANGRAF: A vote yes means you
15	agree to the extension, a vote no means no
16	extension.
17	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Thank you.
18	Thank you for the second, Phil.
19	Can I get roll call, please.
20	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Koudela?
21	MR. KOUDELA: No.
22	MS. LANGRAF: You need to have
23	somebody make the motion. I am the Law
24	Director, so, somebody makes the motion
25	MR. KOUDELA: Okay.

1	MS. LANGRAF: and then somebody
2	needs to second it.
3	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Somebody make
4	the first one. Do we need to go back to
5	the first one?
6	MS. LANGRAF: Do you have a first
7	and a second?
8	MADAM SECRETARY: Yes.
9	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. So, we need a
10	first for 24-1 motion one
11	MS. LANGRAF: Correct.
12	MR. KOUDELA: correct?
13	BZA MEMBER: All right. You want
14	to do it, Phil?
15	MR. YARLETTS: Yeah, I'll do it.
16	Mr. Chairman
17	MR. KOUDELA: Do they have to say
18	the entire thing or just
19	MS. LANGRAF: You might as well
20	since we don't have a first, yes.
21	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. All right.
22	MR. YARLETTS: Mr. Chairman, I'd
23	like to make a motion in Case 24-1
24	Shoregate Towers of 30901 Lakeshore
25	Boulevard, that we grant an appeal for the

1	maintenance violation no, that's not
2	what
3	MS. LANGRAF: Dated.
4	MR. YARLETTS: The maintenance
5	violation dated 1/24/2024 for Apartment
6	850, Codified Ordinance 1332.05 to 1367.01.
7	MS. LANGRAF: So that's a grant of
8	the appeal on the basis of reasonableness
9	for compliance.
10	MR. KOUDELA: Yes.
11	MS. LANGRAF: So, same applies. A
12	vote yes that you agree with the applicant.
13	A vote no is the maintenance violation
14	stands as this.
15	MR. KOUDELA: Okay.
16	MR. FLAISIG: I will second.
17	MR. KOUDELA: Second. Thank you,
18	Tom.
19	Can I get roll call please, again.
20	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Koudela?
21	MR. KOUDELA: No.
22	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Flaisig?
23	MR. FLAISIG: No.
24	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Yarletts?
25	MR. YARLETTS: No.

1	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Hill?
2	MR. HILL: No.
3	MADAM SECRETARY: And Ms. Clarke?
4	MS. CLARKE: No.
5	MS. LANGRAF: Now we need a motion
6	to grant
7	MR. KOUDELA: Can I get a motion
8	for the Case 24-1, the second for the
9	extension of time to the 31st?
10	MR. YARLETTS: Mr. Chairman, I'd
11	like to make a motion in Case 24-1
12	Shoregate Towers of 30901 Lakeshore
13	Boulevard that we grant the appeal for an
14	extension of time to take care of
15	maintenance violations dated 1/24/2024 in
16	Apartment 850.
17	MS. LANGRAF: Until March
18	MR. YARLETTS: Until March 31st,
19	2024.
20	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Can I get a
21	second?
22	MR. HILL: I second.
23	MR. KOUDELA: Mr. Hill, thank you.
24	Roll call.
25	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Koudela?

1	MR. KOUDELA: No.
2	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Flaisig?
3	MR. FLAISIG: No.
4	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Yarletts?
5	MR. YARLETTS: No.
6	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Hill?
7	MR. HILL: No.
8	MADAM SECRETARY: And Ms. Clarke?
9	MS. CLARKE: No.
10	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Mr. O'Brien
11	Case Number 24-1 will go in front of City
12	Council at the next meeting as a
13	recommendation for not to approve the
14	appeals or the extension to March 31st,
15	okay?
16	MR. O'BRIEN: Okay.
17	MR. KOUDELA: So, this brings us
18	to Case Number 24-2. This is an appeal for
19	property 1250 also in the East Building.
20	If you could please go over you
21	know, that that appeal as well and what
22	you're hoping to gain for that.
23	MR. O'BRIEN: Yes. So attached to
24	our Notice of Appeal, which again is time
25	stamped January 26th, 2024, Exhibit A,

There's a property maintenance notice dated January 23rd, 2024, which cites three property maintenance violations with respect to, I believe Unit 1250 in the property. And I'm going to go in backwards order here. The first has to do with roof maintenance or damage. It says property maintenance under Section 304.7 of the Code. The roof and flashing shall be sound, tight, and not have any defects that admit rain. Roof drainage shall be adequate to prevent dampness or deterioration of walls or interior portion

of obstructions.

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The violation order or the order of corrections cited states that repair or replace roofing materials above Apartment 1250, east master bedroom compliance stage two weeks later on February 6th, 2024.

of the structure. Gutters and downspouts

shall be maintained in good repair and free

Above that, Section 305.3 of the Code of property maintenance, all structures, which are all -- all interior

1	surfaces, including windows and doors,
2	shall be maintained in good, clean and
3	sanitary condition. Peeling paint, cracked
4	or loose plaster, decayed wood, and other
5	defective surfaces or conditions shall be
6	corrected.
7	The maintenance order states
8	replace all water damaged drywall and
9	ceilings and walls in Apartment 1250 east
10	master bedroom. Compliance date again is
11	February 6th, 2024.
12	Finally, Section 605.1, property
13	maintenance. All electrical equipment,
14	wiring and appliances shall be properly
15	installed and maintained in a safe and
16	approved manner.
17	And the Property Violation Notice
18	says missing electrical faceplate on master
19	bedroom wall receptacle in Apartment 1250
20	East I guess it means replace that as
21	of a compliance date of February 6th, 2024.
22	Was that done, the receptacle?
23	MS. HARTMAN: I I don't know.
24	MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. So, with
25	respect to the for the last of the

three, fixing the roof and flashing, again, we would submit that under Section No. 7 of the Code that's requiring repair of the roof above, the top floor of the building, in the wintertime at the Shoregate Towers and requiring that to be done within two weeks is unreasonable, so we would ask again, that this Board find that that timeframe is unreasonable under the circumstances.

Also, with respect to the second violation, that since you can't fix the drywall problems until the roof has been fixed, that that's also an unreasonable timeframe. And again, we would ask for an extension of time to fix those two issues. I don't know whether or not the faceplate on the one receptacle in Apartment 1250 that's been replaced around at this point in time, but that is a di minimis issue, which quite frankly is beyond the scope of the Property Maintenance Code.

So, we're talking about electrical systems. We talking about one plastic faceplate that may or may not be required

1	to be replaced. Our contention will be
2	that that is not contemplated by the Code
3	and that should be disregarded entirely.
4	So, my client has contracted with
5	a company to fix the roof above Apartment
6	1250, but they're not able to do so at this
7	point in time because of weather issues.
8	We do have and we're going to
9	mark this as Exhibit A for the Board, and
10	I've got more copies, but my client has
11	contracted with Turn Key Property
12	Solutions. We have a invoice dated
13	February 5th, 2024 when the repairs of the
14	roof will be made, but to this point in
15	time, those repairs have not been made
16	because they have not been able to because
17	of the weather concerns to get up there and
18	fix the problems.
19	So, my client will do so, and I
20	believe Step and I believe Stephanie,
21	they're going to be out when?
22	MS. HARTMAN: Monday morning.
23	MR. O'BRIEN: Monday morning,
24	weather prevailing, right?
25	MS. HARTMAN: Yes.

1	MR. O'BRIEN: Okay.
2	Have not been able to do so at
3	this point in time, correct?
4	MS. HARTMAN: Correct. Due to the
5	chemicals that they use to fix the roof, it
6	has to be a certain temperature.
7	MR. O'BRIEN: And it's been too
8	cold so far to be able to fix the problem.
9	So, they can't do it if it's too
10	cold?
11	MS. HARTMAN: Rain, snow, and the
12	chemical [unintelligible]
13	BZA MEMBER: Okay.
14	MR. YARLETTS: So, Mr. O'Brien,
15	quick question.
16	MR. O'BRIEN: Yes.
17	MR. YARLETTS: Has there been any
18	attempt as to a temporary fix, tarp put
19	over? I mean, if I was living in Apartment
20	1250, I don't
21	MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah.
22	MR. YARLETTS: wouldn't
23	appreciate water coming in.
24	MR. O'BRIEN: Do you know how
25	do you know what the extent of the problem

1	is?
2	MS. HARTMAN: I do not know the
3	extent of it.
4	MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. I believe Mr.
5	Brennan has pictures. They are, I believe
6	small holes in plaster in the ceiling,
7	they're not I don't believe water is,
8	you know, running through in channels like
9	a river into the apartment. I think it's a
10	small issue.
11	And for the record, my client is
12	more than happy to allow tenants to move.
13	MS. HARTMAN: I did offer them the
14	chance to move and they denied that.
15	MR. O'BRIEN: So yeah, prop
16	people, I mean the 12th floor is a nice
17	place because there's nice views
18	FEMALE SPEAKER: [Unintelligible].
19	MR. O'BRIEN: yeah, so, a lot
20	of people like it. If they if people
21	want to move or if they want to, you know,
22	get a different apartment because of the
23	problem, Shoregate Towers company allows
24	that, but if they don't want to leave
25	hecause they don't think it's that hig of a

problem and it's going to be fixed, you know, they allow you to stay.

But the point here, again -- and I don't want to belabor the issue, but the point is that when you have wintertime in Cleveland, Ohio, you know, you can't expect a -- first of all, my client to be able to get a roofing company and then be able to go upstairs, get on top of a building, and fix it when it's cold outside. So, we just ask once again that the Board allow

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Do you have anything you want to say?

MS. HARTMAN: I do. So, the only reason why they even called the City for an

1	inspection was they never called me and
2	told me that the leak was there or anything
3	because they owe me over \$6,000. So, when
4	someone owes me that much money, they avoid
5	me. They don't want to see me in the
6	parking lot. So, they do everything to
7	stay away from me. So, the only reason why
8	they they called was because I put a
9	Three Day Notice. So
10	MR. O'BRIEN: Who is the tenant?
11	MS. HARTMAN: Jessica Burton and
12	Mandale Thurman.
13	MR. O'BREIN: Okay. They're being
14	evicted too, correct?
15	MS. HARTMAN: Correct.
16	MR. O'BRIEN: I'm not sure if
17	we've gotten the date back on that one, but
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19	MS. HARTMAN: They called the day
20	that I put the Three Day Notice on.
21	MR. O'BRIEN: But I don't think
22	they they're not on the 23rd. I'm sure
23	we got we have one eviction date on the
24	23rd of the court, we have another on the
25	fourth, and I haven't finished

1	MS. HARTMAN: I haven't even
2	MR. O'BRIEN: I haven't finished
3	looking at the ones that I got from the
4	court date, they sent me emails, so I
5	haven't got all the emails for the fourth
6	yet. I anticipate that eviction will take
7	place on the fourth.
8	MR. KOUDELA: All right. Any
9	questions?
10	BZA MEMBER: I have a number of
11	them. So, Sean, you entered the building
12	on 1/23; is that correct?
13	MR. BRENNAN: Mr. Chairman?
14	MR. KOUDELA: Yes, Mr. Brennan.
15	MR. BRENNAN: Actually, I do have
16	some paperwork in regards to that from a
17	Tenant Complaint Form and I do have some
18	better pictures, so
19	MR. KOUDELA: I would like to see
20	those, please.
21	MR. BRENNAN: Yeah. If you could
22	just pass those down there.
23	MR. KOUDELA: Thank you.
24	MR. BRENNAN: If you have an extra
25	one we'll give it to

So, I received a complaint from the tenant on 1/23. This is his complaint form that he filled out to me. I think it is reasonable time on there for these repairs to be done.

Deen the second time. And after I did go to this apartment, I kind of remember Mr.

Thurman in the elevator with myself and Justin Clay. This was back, I want to say it's either in August or September of last year. I believe Mr. O'Brien was in there too, in the elevator, and he showed us some pictures of his apartment.

So, this is the same apartment.

And you'll see in those pictures there that I did take those better pictures toward there -- it's toward the end I put them in color. There was a lot of leaks. You can see that the bedroom ceiling drywall, obviously there was water when we went in there and made that inspection. On the carpet, you can see on the walls -- you've got some black stuff going on in the walls in the corner of the bedroom.

1	Same thing, you can see where
2	waters coming in on these on the bedroom
3	walls.
4	It's a couple areas, a few areas
5	throughout that rear bedroom, and also
6	electrical cover plate that is missing on
7	that receptacle. It is a safety hazard.
8	BZA MEMBER: So, the complaint
9	date is 1/23, which I think was a Tuesday.
10	So is that the is that the day that
11	so the date of the complaint was the date
12	that the notice was filed, so that was the
13	date I'm sorry, that was the day you did
14	or did not enter?
15	MR. BRENNAN: It was on 1/23
16	BZA MEMBER: Okay.
17	MR. BRENNAN: I entered that
18	apartment. I also wrote the notice on
19	1/23.
20	BZA MEMBER: Okay.
21	MR. KOUDELA: All right. Mr.
22	Brennan I'm sorry.
23	BZA MEMBER: No, go ahead.
24	MR. KOUDELA: The drywall
25	repair I'm referring to the picture of

1	the electrical outlet
2	MR. BRENNAN: Yeah.
3	MR. KOUDELA: the vertical
4	repair, is that near the water damage? And
5	whereabouts is that in correlation to the
6	drywall work that needed to be done and the
7	water damage; do you remember?
8	MR. BRENNAN: This area's all
9	over, you know, the wall in there.
10	MR. KOUDELA: Okay.
11	MR. BRENNAN: The one with the
12	electrical I want to say probably the third
13	picture back was kind of like in that area
14	there.
15	MR. KOUDELA: Okay.
16	BZA MEMBER: So, notice date was
17	1/23. And what was the first date that
18	someone was called to come look at the
19	roof?
20	MR. O'BRIEN: Do you know?
21	MS. HARTMAN: I do not know.
22	MR. O'BRIEN: Okay.
23	BZA MEMBER: So
24	MR. O'BRIEN: Did Mr. Brennan give
25	you this to see did he give you this

1	personally?
2	MS. HARTMAN: He did.
3	MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. And that was
4	on the 23rd?
5	MS. HARTMAN: Correct.
6	MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. Did he give
7	you these pictures as well on that date?
8	MS. HARTMAN: Correct.
9	MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. And when did
10	you did you have Justin go upstairs and
11	look at this?
12	MS. HARTMAN: Immediately.
13	MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. And why did
14	you hire the roofing company?
15	MS. HARTMAN: To fix the issues.
16	MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. Typically,
17	how long does it take to hire a roofing
18	company to fix issues like that?
19	MS. HARTMAN: It really depends
20	because they a lot of roofing companies
21	will not take on such a small job because
22	it's not that big of a job, so they don't
23	want to take on such a small job on a 12
24	story apartment community in the winter.
25	BZA MEMBER: Okay. So again, we

don't know when you first called? 1 2 MS. HARTMAN: I do not know. 3 BZA MEMBER: Okay. How many 4 companies did you call before you settled 5 on Turn Key? 6 MS. HARTMAN: It actually wasn't 7 me that called, it was Alexis. 8 BZA MEMBER: Who's Alexis? 9 MR. O'BRIEN: Alexis Lyons is the 10 regional manager that oversees not only 11 this property, but other properties that 12 are affiliated with Shortgate Towers. 13 companies that are involved here are 14 Shoregate Towers, they have a complex 15 called Addis View, which is a brand new 16 apartment complex in the City of Cleveland 17 at East 90th and Chester. They also own a 18 company called -- I mean an apartment 19 complex called Midtown Building, which is a 20 recently rehabilitated building that was 21 gutted and rehabbed at 3101 Euclid Avenue. 2.2 They also own properties -- they have a property that's about to be rehabbed --23 24 gutted and rehabbed on Lakeshore Boulevard

in the City of Cleveland near Bratenahl,

1	but Alexis oversees sort of all of those
2	endeavors.
3	BZA MEMBER: So, Alexis hired Turn
4	Key?
5	MS. HARTMAN: Correct.
6	BZA MEMBER: We don't know when
7	Alexis contacted them?
8	MS. HARTMAN: I do not.
9	BZA MEMBER: We don't know who
10	else Alexis contacted?
11	MS. HARTMAN: I do not.
12	BZA MEMBER: So we don't know if
13	we asked any roofing companies for
14	temporary repairs and a contract to
15	complete repairs or anything like that?
16	MS. HARTMAN: I do not.
17	BZA MEMBER: In my experience,
18	most roofing companies will come and either
19	temporary patch or tarp, as Mr. Yarletts
20	said, in anticipation of doing the work.
21	We talked about weather, I know
22	we've had quite a stretch of better
23	weather. So, are we looking for better
24	weather than we've had these last two
25	weeks?

1 MS. HARTMAN: I only know what I know, and this is all I've know because 2 3 Alexis has been dealing with the roofing of this apartment. 5 BZA MEMBER: And no one has gone into the apartment to -- I understand that 6 7 it's still leaking, but there are 8 preventative measures we can take inside, 9 cut out mold, put a trap that will come 10 from the ceiling, plastic trap down into a 11 bucket, anything to eliminate? So, no 12 attempt has been made to remediate any 13 mold, mildew, falling paint, all of the 14 things that are pictured in Mr. Brennan's 15 pictures? MS. HARTMAN: Again, Alexis has 16 17 been dealing with that part of the 18 apartment, so... BZA MEMBER: So, we don't have any 19 20 information on any attempts of anything 21 that we have done to remediate the 2.2 situation other than we know that Turn Key 23 has an invoice dated nine days ago to do 24 the work.

MS. HARTMAN: That's just as much

1 as I know. 2 BZA MEMBER: Okay. 3 MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Any other 4 questions? 5 Okay. So, Mr. O'Brien, what are you asking for? How many days? Do you 6 7 want to put a date on it? Like the last 8 one? 9 MR. O'BRIEN: What --10 MR. KOUDELA: Sure, go ahead. 11 MR. O'BRIEN: -- we're doing is we 12 can put the same date on it. It's February 13 in Cleveland, Ohio, I believe we are coming 14 up on a stretch of cold weather right now. 15 As it is snowing today, and I believe it's supposed to be below freezing coming up 16 17 this weekend, I would anticipate though, even the weather in Cleveland, there should 18 19 be a day in the next -- in the next let's 20 say four weeks that this should be able to 21 be fixed. 2.2 So, I would ask for an extension 23 to the middle of March; let's say March 24 15th to complete this repair. 25 BZA MEMBER: And again, so I'm

sorry, I want to confirm you are asking for 1 an extension until March 31st with no 2 3 attempt to temporary repairs in the 4 meantime? 5 MR. O'BRIEN: They will -- they will do whatever -- I think we can have --6 7 we can have Justin or another crew go up there and take a look inside the apartment. 8 9 Again, it's not my understanding that this 10 is water pouring into the unit, these are 11 12 BZA MEMBER: Right. 13 MR. O'BRIEN: We can go up there 14 and see what can be done, we can offer to 15 have these tenants relocated or --BZA MEMBER: A reasonable time to 16 17 relocate someone for roofing repair that 18 is -- I mean, based on these pictures, it's 19 not recent, right? This is not a recent issue that we would want to move someone 20 21 for --2.2 MR. O'BRIEN: And it's not an 23 issue that my client had any knowledge of 24 until Mr. Brennan filed this Violation

Notice at the end of January.

1	MR. KOUDELA: Mr sorry.
2	BZA MEMBER: No, I'm good. I'm
3	good.
4	MR. KOUDELA: Mr. Brennan, you,
5	you mentioned August in an elevator?
6	MR. BRENNAN: Yes.
7	MR. KOUDELA: What was that in
8	regards to? Was that the initial complaint
9	that you heard about this event?
10	MR. BRENNAN: Yes, from the
11	tenant.
12	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. So, that was
13	the initial complaint, and, to the best of
14	your knowledge, Shoregate Towers knew about
15	the leaking and the issues in Unit 1250?
16	MR. BRENNAN: Correct.
17	MR. KOUDELA: Okay.
18	MR. O'BRIEN: You said I was
19	present?
20	MR. BRENNAN: Yes, you were.
21	MR. O'BRIEN: I don't recall the
22	conversation, but that's okay
23	MR. BRENNAN: Nope
24	MR. O'BRIEN: I've got other
25	things on my mind

1	MR. BRENNAN: no, that's okay.
2	MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah.
3	MR. BRENNAN: It was the day that
4	we were doing
5	MR. O'BRIEN: I remember being
6	there with you.
7	MR. BRENNAN: What's that?
8	MR. O'BRIEN: I remember being
9	there with you and Justin
10	MR. BRENNAN: Yes, in the
11	elevator.
12	MR. O'BRIEN: but I don't
13	recall I don't recall anybody saying
14	that they had a problem with the ceiling in
15	their unit.
16	MR. BRENNAN: Danny pulled out his
17	phone and showed you pictures.
18	MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. Yeah.
19	BZA MEMBER: Okay.
20	MR. O'BRIEN: It's not the only
21	time I [unintelligible] people.
22	MS. LANGRAF: Mr. Hill.
23	MR. HILL: Was there any attempt
24	last week you said you were waiting for
25	a nice day in the winter. Was there any

1	attempt to get them to come out on either
2	of the 55 degree days last week so they
3	could come out?
4	MS. HARTMAN: So, the gentleman's
5	name is Jesse that works for the company
6	and he came out and he checked to like,
7	the spots to see, obviously, so he can give
8	us the grand total of what it would be.
9	So, that's when he gave us this and said
10	what day he would be able to come out.
11	MR. HILL: And he didn't cover it?
12	I mean, you guys were hiring him, I guess,
13	so, he didn't try covering it, trying to
14	MS. HARTMAN: That's as far as I
15	know, I am so sorry.
16	MR. HILL: secure the area.
17	MR. KOUDELA: But he was able to
18	gain access to the roof?
19	MS. HARTMAN: Justin gave him
20	access to the roof.
21	MR. KOUDELA: So, Justin can gain
22	access to that one?
23	MS. HARTMAN: I don't know if he
24	went in the unit, I just know that he was
25	able to go up to the roof.

1	MR. KOUDELA: Okay.
2	MR. O'BRIEN: You don't know if
3	he's a salesman or a repairman, do you?
4	MS. HARTMAN: Jesse?
5	MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah.
6	MS. HARTMAN: He is a repairman.
7	MR. O'BRIEN: Okay. All right.
8	MR. KOUDELA: Anything else?
9	Okay. So Ms. Langraf, is this the
10	same
11	MS. LANGRAF: Hold on a second.
12	Do you have anything else to add?
13	MR. O'BRIEN: No. I said my
14	essentially my same arguments would be the
15	same for the two motions.
16	MS. LANGRAF: Okay. So, you are
17	asking for a general appeal of all of the
18	cited violations, right?
19	MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah. So, the first
20	motion would be that that all the the
21	violation notices are
22	MS. LANGRAF: Just a general
23	appeal that
24	MR. O'BRIEN: a general appeal
25	saying that they are not consistent with

1	the Code -
2	MS. LANGRAF: Okay.
3	MR. O'BRIEN: and therefore
4	they should be disregarded by this Board
5	MS. LANGRAF: And then the
6	MR. O'BRIEN: there should be
7	an additional amount of time to make the
8	repairs until March 15th, because the
9	amount of time on the circumstances is
10	unreasonable. So, we're asking for March
11	15th to complete these repairs, fix
12	everything within his suite.
13	MS. LANGRAF: Okay.
14	MR. KOUDELA: And actually, Ms.
15	Langraf, did Mr. O'Brien, I thought you
16	said that number one, the missing
17	electrical outlet wasn't a big deal
18	MR. O'BRIEN: I believe that's the
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20	MR. KOUDELA: You weren't here for
21	that, that was your first statement.
22	MR. O'BRIEN: I believe that was a
23	maintenance issue, but that's covered in
24	the first part of the [unintelligible].
25	MS. LANGRAF: It would be covered

1	in the extension as well, is that what
2	you're asking for as well?
3	MR. O'BRIEN: It can be fixed
4	tomorrow. I mean, if it's not it'll be
5	fixed.
6	MS. LANGRAF: All right. So, it's
7	going to be a general appeal of all of the
8	Property Maintenance Code violations
9	referenced in January 21st, 2024 citation,
10	so, you'll vote on that.
11	And then the second motion would
12	be for an appeal on the Applicant's request
13	for an extension of time.
14	MR. KOUDELA: To March 15th,
15	correct?
16	MS. LANGRAF: To March 15th to
17	repair the stated violations.
18	BZA MEMBER: Is this going to be
19	five motions?
20	MS. LANGRAF: Two motions.
21	BZA MEMBER: One motion for
22	general appeal of all three
23	MS. LANGRAF: Just one second.
24	It's one Property Maintenance Notice, and
25	the first is going to be an appeal just

1	generally that that the Applicant
2	believes the Property Maintenance Code is
3	not appropriately applied and there's a
4	violation, and then secondly, that they
5	want to extension of time.
6	BZA MEMBER: Got it.
7	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Would
8	somebody like to make a motion in Case
9	Number 24-2?
10	BZA MEMBER: Mr. Chairman? I'd
11	like to make a motion in Case 24-2. This
12	is Shoregate Towers, NS, LLC, Lemma
13	Getachew and Guenet Indale 30901 Lakeshore
14	Boulevard, seeking to grant an appeal of
15	again the aforementioned, Shoregate Towers
16	NS, LLC, Lemma Getachew and Guenet Indale,
17	for the violation dated 1/23/24 in
18	Apartment 1250 of the East Building
19	according to Property Code 605.1, 305.3,
20	and 304.7.
21	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Thank you.
22	Can I get a second, please?
23	MS. CLARKE: I second.
24	MR. KOUDELA: Ms. Clark, thank
25	you.

1	Roll call?
2	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Koudela?
3	MR. KOUDELA: No.
4	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Flaisig?
5	MR. FLAISIG: No.
6	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Yarletts?
7	MR. YARLETTS: No.
8	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Hill?
9	MR. HILL: No.
10	MADAM SECRETARY: Ms. Clarke?
11	MS. CLARKE: No.
12	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Can I get a
13	does someone want to make a motion for
14	the second extension of March 15th, please?
15	BZA MEMBER: Mr. Chairman, I'd
16	like to make a motion in Case 24-2
17	Shoregate Towers NS, LLC, Lemma Getachew
18	and Guenet Indale at 30901 Lakeshore
19	Boulevard, seeking an seeking to grant
20	an appeal of, again, Shoregate Towers, NS,
21	LLC, Lemma Getachew and Guenet Indale to
22	the violation dated 1/23/24. This is for
23	Apartment 1250 East Building with Property
24	Management Code 605.1, 305.3, 304.7,
25	seeking to extend the compliance date to

1	March 15th of 2024.
2	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Thank you.
3	Can I get a second?
4	MR. YARLETTS: I'll second.
5	MR. KOUDELA: Thank you, Mr.
6	Yarletts.
7	And roll call.
8	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Koudela?
9	MR. KOUDELA: No.
10	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Flaisig?
11	MR. FLAISIG: No.
12	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Yarletts?
13	MR. YARLETTS: No.
14	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Hill?
15	MR. HILL: No.
16	MADAM SECRETARY: Ms. Clarke?
17	MS. CLARKE: No.
18	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Mr. O'Brien
19	Board of Zoning Appeals is going to
20	recommend that at the next council meeting
21	to deny both of your appeals for 24-2.
22	MR. O'BRIEN: Okay.
23	MR. KOUDELA: I'd recommend you go
24	that council meeting as well, all right?
25	MR. O'BRIEN: And we we'll get

1	notice of this today?
2	MS. LANGRAF: A written notice of
3	the meeting?
4	MR. O'BRIEN: Of this of a
5	written notice of the Board
6	MS. LANGRAF: A what?
7	MR. O'BRIEN: We'll receive a
8	written notice of this Board.
9	MS. LANGRAF: A written notice of
10	this Board of what?
11	MR. O'BRIEN: About the issues of
12	[unintelligible].
13	MS. LANGRAF: He's going to type
14	them up.
15	MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah. And it'll be
16	mailed to me?
17	MS. LANGRAF: Sure.
18	MR. O'BRIEN: Or emailed to me?
19	MS. LANGRAF: Sure.
20	MR. O'BRIEN: Thanks. All right.
21	Thank you.
22	MR. KOUDELA: All right. Thank
23	you.
24	Okay. Any old business we need to
25	discuss?

1	BZA MEMBER: No.
2	MR. KOUDELA: Any new business?
3	All right. Someone want to make a
4	motion to adjourn?
5	MR. YARLETTS: Mr. Chairman, I'd
6	like to make a motion to adjourn.
7	MR. KOUDELA: Can I get a second?
8	MR. HILL: Second.
9	MR. KOUDELA: Thank you, Mr. Hill.
10	Roll call.
11	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Koudela?
12	MR. KOUDELA: Aye.
13	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Flaisig?
14	MR. FLAISIG: Aye.
15	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Yarletts?
16	MR. YARLETTS: Aye.
17	MADAM SECRETARY: Mr. Hill?
18	MR. HILL: Aye.
19	MADAM SECRETARY: Ms. Clarke?
20	MS. CLARKE: Aye.
21	MR. KOUDELA: Okay. Meeting
22	adjourned at 8:46. Thank you.
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3 <u>CERTIFICATE</u>

I, Brian Kuebler, a Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that I attended the foregoing meeting in its entirety, that I wrote the same in stenotypy, and that this is a true and correct transcript of my computer-aided notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, at Cleveland, Ohio, this 11 day of MARCH A.D. 2024.

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Brian Kuebler, Notary Public, State of Ohio My commission expires June 12, 2027

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