

**NOTICE OF HEARING
MUNICIPAL CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD
CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA
Case 145-25**

Certified Mail
October 10, 2025

Owner: **Rick Lambert**
218 Main St Unit 268
Kirkland, WA 98033-6108

Violation Address: **1401 Drew St., Clearwater**
14-29-15-77616-000-0010

Dear Sir/Madam:

You are hereby formally notified that on **Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.** there will be a public hearing before the Municipal Code Enforcement Board in the Council Chambers, Clearwater Main Library at 100 North Osceola Avenue, Clearwater, Florida, concerning violation of Section(s) **1-104.B, 3-919, & 3-2302** of the Clearwater City Code. (See attached Affidavit(s) of Violation).

You are hereby ordered to appear before the Municipal Code Enforcement Board on the hearing date to answer these charges and to present your side of the case. Failure to appear may result in the Board proceeding in your absence. You have the right to obtain an attorney, at your own expense, to represent you before the Board. If you are absent but represented at the hearing, your representative must present to the Board your letter authorizing your representative to speak on your behalf. You will have the opportunity to present witnesses as well as question witnesses against you prior to the Board making a determination. Please be prepared to present evidence at the hearing concerning the amount of time necessary to correct the alleged violations should you be found to be in violation of the City Code.

The case shall be presented to the Board even if the violations described in the attached Affidavit(s) of Violation are corrected prior to the Board hearing.

Should you be found in violation of the City Code, the Municipal Code Enforcement Board has the power by law to levy fines of up to \$250 a day per violation against you and your property for every day each violation continues beyond the date set for compliance in an Order of the Board.

If you wish to have any witnesses subpoenaed, please contact the Secretary of the Municipal Code Enforcement Board within five (5) days at 727-444-7155. If you have any questions regarding the cited violations or if the violations are corrected prior to the hearing, please contact the Inspector whose name appears on the Affidavit(s) of Violation.

Sincerely,



SECRETARY TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD

The Municipal Code Enforcement Board was created pursuant to General Act 80-300, General Laws of Florida, 1979, and Ordinance 2169-80 of the City of Clearwater.

The City of Clearwater strongly supports and fully complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Please advise us at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you require special accommodations at 727-562-4090. Assisted Listening Devices are available. **Kindly refrain from private conversations, cellular phone use, etc. that distract meeting participants.**

Any party may appeal a final order of this Board by filing an appeal with the Circuit Court within 30 days of entry of the order. Appellants need a record of proceedings; a verbatim record of testimony and evidence that is the basis for the appeal may be required. F.S. § 286.0105, CDC Sec 7-104

MUNICIPAL CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

AFFIDAVIT OF VIOLATION AND REQUEST FOR HEARING

NAME OF VIOLATOR: RICK LAMERT
MAILING ADDRESS: 218 MAIN ST UNIT 268
KIRKLAND WA, 98033

CITY CASE#: CDC2025-01452

VIOLATION ADDRESS: 1401 DREW ST
CLEARWATER, FL

DATE OF OFFICIAL NOTICE OF VIOLATION: 9/4/2025

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: RUSSELL'S SUB UNIT 1 LOT 1

PARCEL #: 14-29-15-77616-000-0010

DATE OF INSPECTION: 9/11/2025 8:16:00 AM

SECTION(S) OF THE CITY CODE WHICH HAVE BEEN VIOLATED: CODE
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1-104.B. - ****DEVELOPMENT CODE VIOLATION**** No building, structure, water or land shall be used or occupied, and no building, structure, or land shall be developed unless in conformity with all of the provisions of the zoning district in which it is located, all applicable regulations, and all development approvals.

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SPECIFICALLY,

The City of Clearwater's Code Compliance office has discovered that this property is being illegally rented out and/or advertised as being available for rent for less than the 31 day or 1 calendar month requirement. This was verified on the internet and is a violation of the City of Clearwater's ordinance prohibiting short term rentals. Please bring your property and websites advertising your property into compliance by the compliance date. If you have any questions feel free to contact me directly. Thank you!

A violation exists and a request for hearing is being made.


John Stephens

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED before me by means of 1 physical presence or _____ online notarization on this 11th day of September, 2025, by John Stephens.

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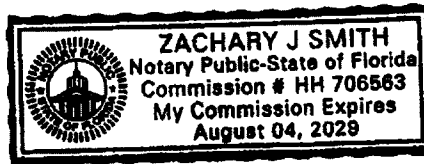
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Secretary, Municipal Code Enforcement Board

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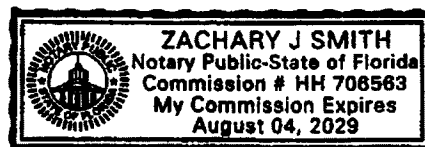
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Section 1-104. Jurisdiction and applicability.

- A. This Development Code shall govern the development and use of land and structures within the corporate limits of the city.
- B. No building, structure, water or land shall be used or occupied, and no building, structure, or land shall be developed unless in conformity with all of the provisions of the zoning district in which it is located, all applicable regulations, and all development approvals.

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(Ord. No. 7105-03, § 1, 4-17-03; Ord. No. 8042-09, § 3, 6-4-09)

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(Ord. No. 6932-02, § 1, 4-4-02; Ord. No. 7725-07, § 1, 2-15-07)



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POST OFFICE BOX 4748, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA 33758-4748

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUILDING, 100 SOUTH MYRTLE AVENUE, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA 33756

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CDC2025-01452

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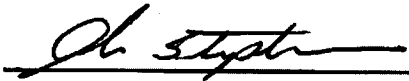
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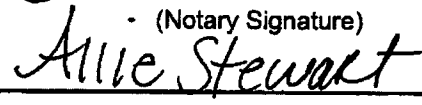
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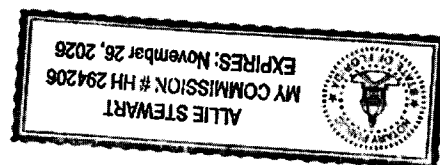


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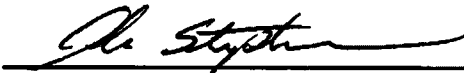
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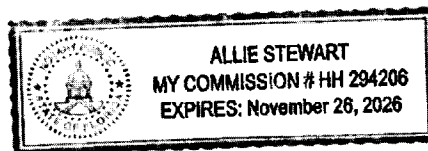


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Parcel Summary (as of 01-Oct-2025)

Parcel Map

Parcel Number

14-29-15-77616-000-0010

Owner Name

LAMBERT, RICK

Property Use

0110 Single Family Home

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Legal Description

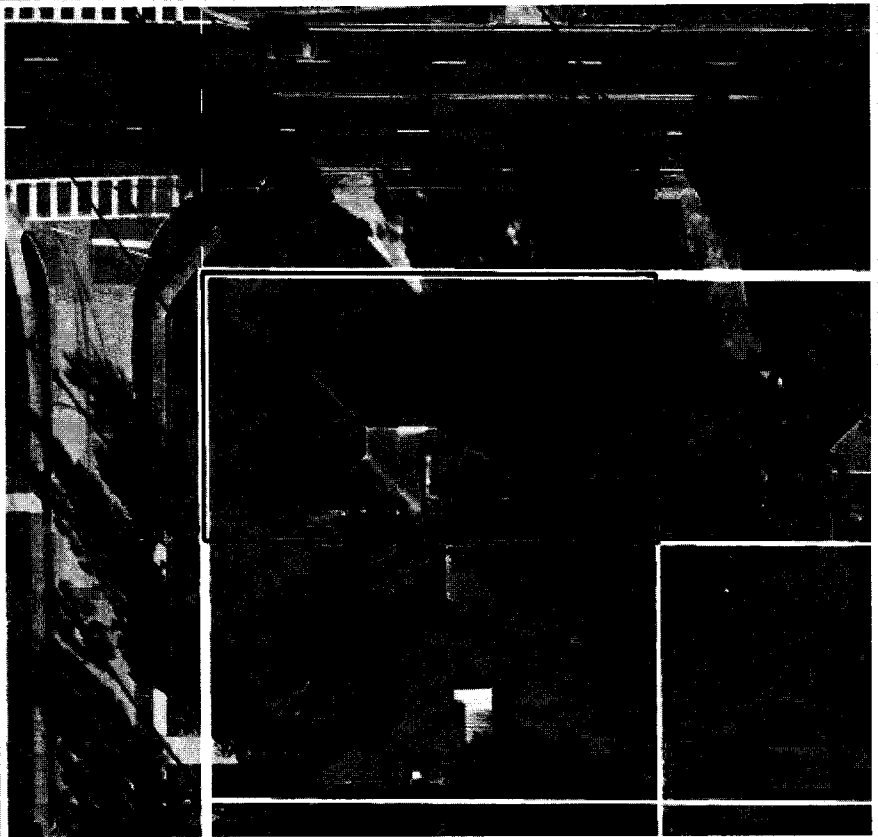
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Current Tax District

CLEARWATER (CW)

Year Built

1955



Living SF	Gross SF	Living Units	Buildings
1,558	2,286	1	1

Exemptions

Year	Homestead	Use %	Status	Property Exemptions & Classifications
2027	No	0%		No Property Exemptions or Classifications found. Please note that Ownership Exemptions (Homestead, Senior, Widow/Widower, Veterans, First Responder, etc... will not display here).
2026	No	0%		
2025	No	0%		

Miscellaneous Parcel Info

Last Recorded Deed	Sales Comparison	Census Tract	Evacuation Zone	Flood Zone	Elevation Certificate	Zoning	Plat Bk/Pg
22657/1622	\$444,200	<u>264.02</u>	<u>NON EVAC</u>	<u>Current FEMA Maps</u>	<u>Check for EC</u>	Zoning Map	26/81

2025 Final Values

Year	Just/Market Value	Assessed Value/SOH Cap	County Taxable Value	School Taxable Value	Municipal Taxable Value
2025	\$377,593	\$285,498	\$285,498	\$377,593	\$285,498

Value History (yellow indicates corrected value)

Year	Homestead Exemption	Just/Market Value	Assessed Value/SOH Cap	County Taxable Value	School Taxable Value	Municipal Taxable Value
2024	N	\$259,544	\$259,544	\$259,544	\$259,544	\$259,544
2023	N	\$223,471	\$166,910	\$166,910	\$223,471	\$166,910
2022	N	\$279,165	\$151,736	\$151,736	\$279,165	\$151,736
2021	N	\$193,379	\$137,942	\$137,942	\$193,379	\$137,942
2020	N	\$165,840	\$125,402	\$125,402	\$165,840	\$125,402