## ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

MON VIEW ASSOCIATES C/O ALLEGHENY HOUSING REHABILITATION CORPORATION,

In re: 29 C Midway Drive Docket No. ACHD- 23-003

Appellants,

v.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

Appellee.

**CONSENT ORDER** 

This Consent Order is made and entered by and between the Allegheny County Health Department (hereinafter the "ACHD") and Allegheny Housing Rehabilitation Corporation (hereinafter "AHRCO").

## I. PROCEDURAL POSTURE

WHEREAS, the ACHD is a local health agency organized under Local Health Administration Law, Act 315 of August 24, 1951, P.L. 1304, as amended, 16 Pa.C.S. §12001 et seq., whose powers and duties include the enforcement of laws relating to public health within Allegheny County, including the Allegheny County Health Department's Rules and Regulations, Article VI, Housing and Community Environment (hereinafter "Article VI").

WHEREAS, AHRCO is a registered corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and

WHEREAS, Mon View Associates was the former property manager of the subject property at 29C Midway Drive, West Mifflin, PA 15122 (hereinafter "Subject Property"), and

WHEREAS AHRCO is the owner of the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2022, the ACHD issued a Penalty Assessment in the amount of \$8,977.50 against Mon View Heights Associates C/O AHRCO for violations of Article VI of the Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations. The penalty stems from a Penalty Assessment Warning issued on September 6, 2022, for severe rodent infestation; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 16, 2022, AHRCO Vice President Donna Allen appealed the civil penalty and sent a money order in the amount of \$8,977.50 as a pre-payment; and

WHEREAS, sometime after the December 16, 2022 appeal, Mon View Heights
Associates ceased managing the Subject Property; and

**WHEREAS**, following a March 17, 2023 inspection, the Department determined that all previous violations had been abated;

WHEREAS, Lakeside Management now manages and operates the Subject Property.

## II. AGREEMENT

After full and complete negotiation of all matters set forth in this Consent Order, upon mutual exchange of the covenants contained herein, and with the Parties' intent to be legally bound hereby, it is hereby AGREED, ORDERED, and DECREED as follows:

- a. In consideration of AHRCO's good-faith efforts to remediate the conditions cited
   by ACHD, ACHD will accept payment of a reduced penalty in the amount of
   \$4,488.75 as full satisfaction of the assessed penalty.
- b. ACHD will refund \$4,488.75 of the \$8,977.50 of the money order sent on December 16, 2022.
- c. The Department shall retain the remaining \$4,488.75, which shall be considered the payment of the penalty.

- d. The payment only resolves the civil penalties and subsequent appeal arising from the November 25, 2022 penalty assessment, for which payment is made.
- e. By signing this Consent Decree, Appellant signals its desire and intent to withdraw its appeal docketed at Docket No. ACHD- 23-003. Upon execution of this Consent Decree, said appeal shall be marked as withdrawn.

## III. GENERAL TERMS

- 1. The provisions of this Consent Order shall apply to, be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of the ACHD and the Appellant and upon their respective officers, directors, employees, successors in interest, contractors, and assigns.
- 2. The undersigned representatives of Appellant certify that he or she is fully authorized to execute this Consent Order on behalf of the Appellant, and to legally bind Appellant to this Consent Order.
- 3. Nothing herein is intended to limit the authority of the ACHD with respect to violations that may have occurred prior to the date of this Consent Order, if any, and/or that are not subject of the November 25, 2022 Penalty Assessment, or to limit the authority of ACHD to seek further enforcement of this Consent Order in the event that the Appellant fails to comply with its terms and conditions
- 4. This Consent Order shall constitute the entire integrated agreement of the parties.

  No prior or contemporaneous communications or prior drafts shall be relevant or admissible for the purposes of determining the meaning or intent of any provisions herein in any litigation or other proceeding.

- 5. The parties shall bear their respective attorneys' fees, expenses, and other costs with regard to the prosecution or defense of this matter or any related matters arising prior to the execution of this Consent Order.
- 6. Signatures sent via facsimile or electronic mail shall constitute original signatures for purposes of this Consent Order.
- 7. This Consent Order and Agreement may be modified only by written agreement of the parties hereto
- 8. **Severability.** The paragraphs of this Agreement shall be severable, and, should any part hereof be declared invalid or unenforceable, the remainder shall continue in full force and effect between the Parties.
- 9. **Effective Date of Agreement:** This Agreement shall take effect as of the last signature hereto.
- 10. **Counterparts:** This Agreement may be signed by the Parties in counterparts which together shall constitute one and the same agreement among the Parties.

THE PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY READ, ALL SIGNING PARTIES HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO FULLY DISCUSS THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL OF THEIR CHOICE IF THEY SO CHOOSE, AND THAT THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT ARE FULLY UNDERSTOOD AND VOLUNTARILY ACCEPTED AND THEY AGREE TO BE LEGALLY BOUND BY ALL THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT. The undersigned representatives of the Appellant and ACHD certify under penalty of law, as provided by 18 Pa.C.S. § 4909, that they are authorized to execute this Consent Order on behalf a party; that the Appellant consents to the entry of this Consent Order as a final ORDER of the ACHD; and that, except as otherwise provided herein, the Appellant hereby knowingly waives their rights to appeal this Consent Order and to challenge its content or validity, which rights may be available under Article XI of the ACHD Rules and Regulations for Hearings and Appeals, ("Article XI"), and Pennsylvania Local Agency Law, 2 Pa.C.S. §105, or any other applicable provision of law.

| By:     |  |
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| Date    | Lara Washington                              |
|         | President and CEO                            |
|         | Allegheny Housing Rehabilitation Corporation |

Tim Murphy

Program Manager

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