

**CITY OF
MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
CODE COMPLIANCE SPECIAL
MAGISTRATE HEARING
MINUTES**



**October 20, 2022
10:00 AM
City Hall Board Room**

The City of Mount Dora held a Code Compliance Special Magistrate Hearing on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 10:00 AM in the Council Chamber at 510 N. Baker Street, Mount Dora, Florida.

SPECIAL MAGISTRATE

David. R. Bear, Esq.

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Gary Hutcheson, Code Enforcement Officer

Sherry G. Sutphen, Esq., City Attorney

Jeanann Hand, Interim City Clerk

Case # 2022-0056

**City of Mount Dora vs. Edward L. Rowlett,
Denis M. Fuertes and DJZ Landscaping, LLC
8044 Arcadian Court**

Violation/Code: Section 46-23 Permit required for removal of trees

Respondents Edward L. Rowlett, Denis M. Fuertes and DJZ Landscaping, LLC, were charged with five violations of City of Mount Dora Code of Ordinances, Section 46-23.

Mr. Rowlett was present via electronic communication technology. Mr. Zach McCormick was present to legally represent Mr. Rowlett. Neither Mr. Fuertes, nor any representative from DJZ Landscaping were present.

Mr. McCormick requested a continuance. The request was denied.

The Magistrate, having heard testimony, accepted evidence and found the Respondents responsible for two of the five charged violations of City of Mount Dora Code of Ordinances, Section 46-23, permit and approval required for removal of trees. Under this article, no tree may be cut down or removed from the real property described in section 46-19 without a permit from the director of Public Works.

A penalty in the amount of \$5,000.00 for each violation was imposed upon Respondent Edward Rowlett, to be paid no later than 5:00 PM on December 20, 2022.

A penalty in the amount of \$5,000.00 for each violation was imposed upon Respondent Denis M. Fuertes and DJZ Landscaping, LLC, to be paid no later than 5:00 PM on December 20, 2022.