CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

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SITE ADDRESS OF PROPERTY WHERE THE DECISION IS BEING APPEALED: 5236 West Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA 98040

PROPERTY OWNER NAME:	ADDRESS:	PHONE: 206-849-8549
Pollie LLC	20935 S 6th Ave, Des Moines, WA 9	8198 E-MAIL: jason@jasonandersonlaw.com
Jason E Anderson	20935 S 6th Ave, Des Moines, WA 9	E-MAIL: jason@jasonandersonlaw.com
APPELLANT ATTORNEY INFORMATION (if applicable):	ADDRESS:	PHONE:
		E-MAIL:

What is the decision that you are appealing? Include any applicable project file number.

Notice of Violation & Civil Penalties of November 15, 2022 and Supplemental Notice of Violation & Civil Penalties June 30, 2023 File Project Number: CE21-0043

What are your reasons for appealing this decision? (Attach additional pages if necessary)

(You must indicate specifically that there were substantial errors, the decision is unsupported by the facts presented, the decision is in conflict with the standards for review of the action or there were irregularities in the procedure. Attachments or supporting information may be included.)

See attached

What is the outcome or changes in the decision that you are seeking? (Attach additional pages if necessary)

Clarification that Jason E Anderson is not a responsible party for Pollie LLC.

That any penalties against Pollie LLC be reversed or halted because it no longer owns the property at issue.

Signature:

-DocuSigned by: Jason Anderson

Date: 7/12/2023

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BEFORE THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

In Re Pollie LLC

File Project Number CE21-0043

APPEAL

I. INTRODUCTION AND RELIEF REQUESTED

Pollie LLC appeals the imposition of additional fines and obligations against it for the condition of the property at 5236 West Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA 98040 because it no longer owns the property. The property has been conveyed to Level Capital LLC pursuant to a deed in lieu of foreclosure.

Jason E Anderson appeals the finding that he is a responsible party for Pollie LLC because his sole role for Pollie LLC is as a registered agent, which is a purely administrative role for the company. He asks leave to file an untimely appeal because the Notice of Violation was never served on him in an individual capacity and did not learn of the November 15, 2022 Notice of Violation in time to appeal it.

II. FACTS

Pollie LLC is a Washington Limited Liability Company. As shown in the Annual Report filed May 11, 2022, Daniel Suciu is the sole Governor of Pollie LLC. He is also the sole

Manager of Pollie LLC. Jason E Anderson is the registered agent for Pollie LLC. His law firm, Emerald City Law Firm PC., maintained an office at 5355 Tallman Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98198.

Jason E Anderson moved to a new address at 20935 S 6th Ave, Des Moines, WA 98198 on or about August 1, 2022. This address could be found by investigating the records through the King County Recorder, the King County Parcel Viewer, and the King County Tax Records.

He subsequently began moving his office from the 5355 Tallman location to his residence at 20935 S 6th Ave, Des Moines, WA 98198. He did not see the Notice of Violation from the City of Mercer Island until approximately the last week of December 2022 while he was cleaning the office to complete the move. The Notice of Violation was never mailed to his residential address.

Pollie LLC executed a deed in lieu of foreclosure in favor of Level Capital LLC on May 15, 2023. This was recorded on June 15, 2023. Pollie LLC no longer owns the property at issue and does not have the ability to remedy any violations on the property.

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III. AUTHORITY AND ARGUMENT

A. <u>A REGISTERED AGENT IS NOT A RESPONSIBLE PARTY</u>

The Mercer Island Municipal Code section 6.10.110 defines a responsible party as

follows:

Person responsible for the violation or person responsible or violator means any of the following: the person doing the work; a person who has titled ownership or <u>legal control of the property</u> or structure that is subject to the violation; an occupant or other person in control of the property or structure that is subject to the violation; a developer, builder, <u>business operator</u>, or owner who is developing, building, or operating a business on the property or in a structure that is subject to the violation; a mortgagee that has filed an action in foreclosure on the property that is subject to the violation, based on breach or default of the mortgage agreement, until title to the property is transferred to a third party; a mortgagee of property that is subject to the violation and has not been occupied by the owner, the owner's tenant, or a person having the owner's permission to occupy the premises for a period of at least 90 days; or any person who created, caused, participated in, or has allowed a violation to occur. (emphasis added). In this case, the property owner is Pollie LLC. Pollie LLC is in turn operated by Daniel Suciu, the sole Manager. This is shown on the Annual Report which identifies the sole Governor of Pollie LLC as Daniel Suciu. The term Governor for purposes of a company's annual report is defined by RCW 23.95(12) to include "A manager of a manager-managed limited liability company." Thus, Daniel Suciu would be a business operator or person with legal control of the property at the time it was owned by Pollie LLC.

A registered agent for a limited liability company has a very limited role. The duties of a registered agent are defined by RCW 23.95.455. These duties essentially provide only that the registered agent must provide notices to the party it represents. The role of registered agent does not grant a person any right to act on behalf of a company and is no indication the registered agent is a responsible person for the represented entity.

It is improper for Mercer Island to treat Jason E Anderson as the responsible party for Pollie LLC.

B. <u>SERVICE OF THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION WAS NOT MADE ON JASON</u> ANDERSON IN HIS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY.

A registered agent receives documents on behalf of represented parties. A registered agent is not required to review the internal allegations of documents he receives on behalf of a represented party. It would be extraordinary for a registered agent to have to review every document it receives on behalf of a represented party to determined whether there are allegations being made against the registered agent.

The City of Mercer Island mailed the Notice of Violation to 5355 Tallman Ave NW Ste 207, Seattle, WA 98107, which was the address of the registered agent for Pollie LLC. Jason Anderson, as the registered agent for Pollie LLC, had a duty to forward the Notice of Violation to Pollie LLC so it could not respond. However, there was no reason for Jason Anderson in his role as registered agent to review the document to see if there were individual

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allegations against him as a responsible party since a registered agent would not normally have any authority to act for Pollie LLC.

The City of Mercer Island could have easily obtained the residential address for Jason E Anderson by reviewing King County tax records. It did not do so and never forwarded the Notice of Violation to his residence. Since appropriate service was not made on Jason Anderson in his individual capacity, he should be permitted to appeal the Notice of Violation and any Supplement to the Notice of Violation.

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POLLIE LLC NO LONGER OWNS THE PROPERTY

Pollie LLC surrendered the property at issue to Level Capital LLC because it could not repay the loan encumbering the property. The deed was signed on May 15, 2023. The City of Mercer Island cannot continue to punish Pollie LLC with ongoing fines and demands regarding a property where Pollie LLC no longer has the right or the ability to resolve.

IV. THE APPEAL FEE IS UNREASONABLE

Most cities charge an appeal fee of between \$300 and \$500 to address a Notice of Violation. The City of Mercer Island Appeal fee of \$1590 is not reasonable for what is effectively a quasi-judicial proceeding.

July 12, 2023

— DocuSigned by: Jason Anderson — 35ADD69DBA1D4FA...

Jason E Anderson



Filed Secretary of State State of Washington Date Filed: 05/11/2022 Effective Date: 05/11/2022 UBI #: 604 740 287

Annual Report

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Name: **POLLIE LLC**

UBI Number: 604 740 287

Business Type: WA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Business Status: ACTIVE

Principal Office Street Address: 5355 TALLMAN AVE NW STE 207, SEATTLE, WA, 98107-3954, UNITED STATES

Principal Office Mailing Address:

Expiration Date: **04/30/2023**

Jurisdiction:

UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON

Formation/Registration Date: 04/15/2021

Period of Duration: **PERPETUAL**

Inactive Date:

Nature of Business: **CONSTRUCTION**

REGISTERED AGENT RCW 23.95.410

Registered Agent Name	Street Address	Mailing Address
JASON ANDERSON	5355 TALLMAN AVE NW STE 207, SEATTLE, WA, 98107-3954, UNITED STATES	

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Phone: 2067062882

Email:

JASON@JASONANDERSONLAW.COM

Street Address: 5355 TALLMAN AVE NW STE 207, SEATTLE, WA, 98107-3954, USA Mailing Address:

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GOVERNORS

Title	Туре	Entity Name	First Name	Last Name
GOVERNOR	INDIVIDUAL		DANIEL	SUCIU

NATURE OF BUSINESS

CONSTRUCTION

EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective Date: **05/11/2022**

CONTROLLING INTEREST

1. Does this entity own (hold title) real property in Washington, such as land or buildings, including leasehold improvements? **NO**

2. In the **past 12 months**, has there been a transfer of at least 16-2/3 percent of the ownership, stock, or other financial interest in the entity?

NO

a. If "Yes", in the **past 36 months**, has there been a transfer of controlling interest (50 percent or greater) of the ownership, stock, or other financial interest in the entity?

NO

3. If you answered "Yes" to question 2a, has a controlling interest transfer return been filed with the Department of Revenue? **NO**

You must submit a Controlling Interest Transfer Return form if you answered "yes" to questions 1 and 2a.

Failure to report a Controlling Interest Transfer is subject to penalty provisions of <u>RCW 82.45.220.</u>

For more information on Controlling Interest, visit www.dor.wa.gov/REET.

RETURN ADDRESS FOR THIS FILING

Attention: JASON Email: JASON@JASONANDERSONLAW.COM Address: 5355 TALLMAN AVE NW STE 207, SEATTLE, WA, 98107-3954, USA

UPLOAD ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

Do you have additional documents to upload? No

AUTHORIZED PERSON

I am an authorized person.

Person Type: INDIVIDUAL

First Name: **JASON**

Last Name:

ANDERSON

Title:

ATTORNEY

This document is hereby executed under penalty of law and is to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

Instrument Number: 20220603001338 Document:WD Rec: \$204.50 Page-1 of 2 Excise Docs: 3193607 Selling Price: \$800,000.00 Tax Amount: \$13,345.00 Record Date:6/3/2022 4:57 PM Electronically Recorded King County, WA

FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE 611316528

When recorded return to: Jason Anderson and Danielle Anderson 20935 6th Avenue S Des Moines, WA 98198

Filed for record at the request of: Fidelity National Title

16400 Southcenter Parkway, Suite 405 Tukwila, WA 98188-2040 Escrow No.: 611316528PM

STATUTORY WARRANTY DEED

THE GRANTOR(S) Karolyn M. Albrecht, an unmarried woman

for and in consideration of Ten And No/100 Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration

in hand paid, conveys, and warrants to Jason Anderson and Danielle Anderson, husband and wife

the following described real estate, situated in the County of King, State of Washington:

LOTS 13, 14, 15 AND 16, BLOCK 82, SOUTHERN PACIFIC LAND COMPANY'S SECOND ADDITION TO DES MOINES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME 4 OF PLATS, PAGE 49, IN KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON;

TOGETHER WITH THE EAST 8 FEET OF THAT PORTION OF THE STRIP OF LAND REFERRED TO AS "ALLEY" ADJOINING;

AND TOGETHER WITH THE NORTH 30 FEET OF "ARCH STREET" (NOW SOUTH 210TH STREET) ADJOINING; SAID "ALLEY" AND "ARCH STREET" BEING DESCRIBED IN SAID PLAT, SAID STREET AND ALLEY HAVING BEEN ATTACHED TO SAID PREMISES BY DECREE ENTERED FEBRUARY 26, 1971 UNDER KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CAUSE NUMBER 728690.

SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF KING, STATE OF WASHINGTON.

Tax Parcel Number(s): 789380-6395-08,

Subject to:

1. RIGHTS, RESERVATIONS, COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, AGREEMENTS, NOTES, DEDICATIONS, ENCROACHMENTS, AND EASEMENTS PRESENTLY OF RECORD.

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> STATUTORY WARRANTY DEED (continued)

Dated: June 1, 2022

Karolin M. Karolyn M. Albrecht

State of WASHINGTON County of KING

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Karolyn M. Albrecht is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that she signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in this instrument. Dated: 0.2.2022

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ROBERTA L BARNES Notary Public State of Washington Commission # 20104787 My Comm. Expires May 1, 2024

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AFTER RECORDING RETURN TO:

LCRE Holdings I LLC ATTN: General Counsel 11250 Kirkland Way, Suite 100 Kirkland, WA 98033

Document Title:	Warranty Deed (Non-Merger/In Lieu of Foreclosure)
Grantor:	Pollie, LLC
Grantee:	Level Capital LLC
Abbreviated Legal Description:	PARCEL A, MERCER ISLAND LLA# SUB08-003, REC #20090710900001
Tax Parcel No.:	192405-9324-06

WARRANTY DEED (Non-Merger/In Lieu of Foreclosure)

Pollie, LLC, a Washington limited liability company ("Grantor"), for and in lieu of foreclosure of Grantor's interest in and to the real property described herein, hereby grants, sells, conveys and deeds to Level Capital LLC, a Washington limited liability company ("Grantee"), whose address is 11250 Kirkland Way, Suite 100, Kirkland, WA 98033, or its successors or assigns, the real property situated in King County, Washington, together with all after acquired title of the Grantor therein (the "Property"), and legally described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

This Deed is an absolute conveyance of title, in effect and in form. This Deed is not intended as a mortgage, trust, conveyance or security of any kind. The title and interest hereby conveyed shall not merge with the lien of those certain Deed of Trust dated May 17, 2021 and recorded May 21, 2021 under document numbers 20210521002352 in the records of King County, Washington and said Deed of Trust shall be released only by reconveyance at the

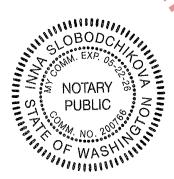
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> STATE OF WASHINGTON)) ss. County of <u>king</u>)

On this $\underline{15}$ day of \underline{May} , 2023, before me, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Daniel Suciu, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the Manager of Pollie, LLC, and the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument, for the uses and purposes described therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first above written.



PRINT NAME: <u>Trans</u> <u>Slobodch Kova</u> NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington, residing at <u>Federal Way</u> My appointment expires: <u>05 - 22 - 2026</u>

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Exhibit "A"

THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST

QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, W.M., IN KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SUBDIVISION; THENCE NORTH 88°31'54" WEST 20.00 FEET;

THENCE NORTH 01°13'54" EAST 117.77 FEET;

THENCE NORTH 77°51'08" WEST 91.68 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 01°13'23" EAST 194.37 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SUBDIVISION;

THENCE NORTH 88°28'25" WEST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, 259.63 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF WEST MERCER WAY;

THENCE SOUTHERLY, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WHICH RADIUS BEARS NORTH 42°45'13" WEST AND HAS A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 5°14'28" AND A LENGTH OF 55.17 FEET AND A RADIUS OF 603.14 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 37°34'18" EAST 21.90 FEET TO A CURVE TO THE LEFT WITH A RADIUS OF 60.00 FEET;

THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY, ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 52°25'42", 54.90 FEET TO A POINT OF REVERSE CURVATURE;

THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY, ALONG AN ARC OF CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 90 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLES OF 27°00'00", 42.41 FEET TO A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 41 FEET;

THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 28°30'00", 20.39 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 34°30'00" EAST 12.00 FEET TO A CURVE TO THE LEFT WITH A RADIUS OF 135.00 FEET;

THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY, ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 26°15'00", 61.85 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 60°45'00" EAST 76.21 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 77°51'08" EAST 63.45 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; (ALSO KNOWN AS REVISED PARCEL A, AS DELINEATED IN THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND LOT LINE REVISION NO. SUB08-003, RECORDED UNDER RECORDING NO. 20090710900001, CORRECTED BY AFFIDAVIT OF CORRECTION RECORDED UNDER RECORDING NO.

20090901000805, RECORDS OF KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON). SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF KING, STATE OF WASHINGTON.

Tax Parcel Nos: 192405-9324-06

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