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# JUDICIAL OPINION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL DIVISION

RICHARD E. FRAME AND

VIOLA FRAME,

Plaintiffs,

v.

COUNTY OF FAYETTE OFFICE OF

PLANNING, ZONING & COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT, et al, : No. 588 of 2020
Defendants. : Honorable Steve P. Leskinen

**OPINION AND ORDER** 

Leskinen, J. April 6, 2022

The Plaintiffs seek a Declaratory Judgment that the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance is unconstitutional. The Plaintiffs also seek a Writ Of Mandamus that the Defendants approve and adopt the Plaintiffs' Proposed Curative Amendment to the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance and/or grant them site specific relief in the form of an exception from the current Fayette County Zoning Ordinance. After careful review of the record and applicable case law, the Court hereby issues the following Opinion and Order:

# Factual Background

The Plaintiffs reside at 41 Highland Street, Smithfield, PA 15478: a single family home in an R-2 High Density Residential District.\* The Plaintiffs were issued Enforcement Notices on August 30th, 2017 and October 3rd, 2017. The bases of the Enforcement Notices were: two (2) or more unregistered, inoperable motor vehicles outdoors. The Enforcement Action is docketed at 88 - 2019.

The Plaintiffs sought a curative amendment on February 22nd, 2019 and were denied on November 21st, 2019. The instant suit alleging unconstitutionality was filed on March 6th, 2020. An Argument was held in this matter on April 20th, 2021.

# Legal Standard

# 53 P.S. § 11002-A states:

(a) All appeals from all land use decisions rendered pursuant to Article IX shall be taken to the court of common pleas of the judicial district wherein the land is located and shall be filed within 30 days after entry of the decision as provided in 42 Pa.C.S. § 5572 (relating to time of entry of order) or, in the case of a deemed decision, within 30 days after the date upon which notice of said deemed decision is given as set forth in section 908(9) of this act. It is the express intent of the General Assembly that, except in cases in which an unconstitutional deprivation of due process would result from its application, the 30-day limitation in this section should be applied in all appeals from decisions. (emphasis added).

<sup>\*</sup>The Court confirmed with the Office Of Planning, Zoning & Community Development that this tract is located in an R-2 High Density Residential District.

Section §1000-108 of The Fayette County Zoning Ordinance defines the two following separate Uses:

## JUNK STORAGE AND SALES (SALVAGE OPERATION):

Any lot, building or structure or part thereof used for the storage, collection, recycling, resource recovery, salvage, processing, purchase, sale or abandonment of wastepaper, rags, scrap metal or other scrap or discarded goods, materials, machinery, vehicular parts, or two (2) or more unregistered, inoperable motor vehicles or other types of junk. In no district shall this use be considered to be accessory or incidental to another use.

#### SALVAGE OPERATION:

A commercial establishment where the salvaging, scavenging, storing, or recycling of any goods such as motor vehicles or motor vehicle parts, appliances, batteries, tires, or general recycling of items such as aluminum cans, paper, or glass and plastic bottles is conducted.

### Discussion

The Plaintiffs argue that the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance is unconstitutional because the 'converse' definitions of "JUNK STORAGE AND SALES" and "SALVAGE OPERATION" allow the Office Of Planning, Zoning & Community Development to 'falsely accuse' citizens of 'conducting junk storage, sales, and salvage operations when no evidence of a commercial enterprise is present.' The Plaintiffs argue that the Defendants should be required to establish a "nuisance in fact." The Plaintiffs further seek a Writ Of Mandamus that the Defendants approve and adopt the Plaintiffs' Proposed Curative Amendment to the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance and/or grant them site specific relief in the form of an exception from the current Fayette County Zoning Ordinance.

The Court begins by reiterating that "JUNK STORAGE AND SALES" is a Use. "SALVAGE OPERATION" is another Use. The definitions of "JUNK STORAGE AND SALES" and "SALVAGE OPERATION" share some attributes and do not share others. In this case, the Plaintiffs' usage falls within the definition of "JUNK STORAGE AND SALES."

The Court finds that the Plaintiffs have not met their burden of establishing the unconstitutionality of the Fayette Zoning Ordinance. Surely, the Plaintiffs allege unconstitutionality because unconstitutionality is the only basis for Common Pleas Court review that is not time barred by 53 P.S. § 11002-A.

The Court is unpersuaded that the Defendants 'falsely accused' the Plaintiffs of anything, let alone that a false accusation of 'conducting junk storage, sales, and salvage operations' constitutes a constitutional violation, not to mention a Due Process violation.

WHEREFORE, the Court issues the following Order:

AND NOW this 6th day of April, 2022, the Plaintiffs' MOTION FOR PEREMPTORY (SUMMARY) JUDGMENT is hereby DENIED.

BY THE COURT: STEVE P. LESKINEN, JUDGE

ATTEST: Prothonotary

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The Fayette County Bar Association's next presentation in its Lunch & Learn Series will be:

- Date: Wednesday, May 25th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Location: Courtroom No. 1 of the Fayette County Courthouse
- Discussion topics: On Cross-Examination
- Presenter: Samuel J. Davis, Esquire, Melinda K. Dellarose, Esquire, and Brent Eric Peck, Esquire

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