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## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE

**NANCY KNIGHT** 

Plaintiff,

v.

GLEN LUDWIG and PEARL LUDWIG,
Trustees of THE LUDWIG FAMILY TRUST;
FAIRWAY CONSTRUCTORS, INC.;
MEHDI AZARMI; JAMES B. ROBERTS and
DONNA M. ROBERTS, husband and wife;
JOHN DOES 1-10; JANE DOES 1-10; ABC
CORPORATIONS 1-10; and XYZ
PARTNERSHIPS 1-10.

Defendants.

Case No.: B8015 CV 2018 04003

REPLY TO DEFENDANT'S RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE COURT'S GAG ORDER

Honorable Judge Jantzen

COMES NOW Plaintiff Pro Per, Nancy Knight, Replying to Defendant's confusion in their Response to Plaintiff's opposition to the Court's Gag Order and their unwarranted belief that Plaintiff used the mailer to sway opinions regarding this case. The Court and Mr. Oehler do not have the benefit of complete information regarding the mailer and therefore the following additional information should alleviate concerns regarding swaying opinions among the indispensable parties by the Plaintiff. If concerns, remain then Plaintiff still believes the gag order should apply to both sides of the aisle.



Contrary to the Defendants' perceptions of why the gag order came about, the subject mailer actually came about due to Defendant Azarmi's ("Azarmi") November 2019 Affidavit. In paragraph 4 Azarmi cries that he did not have an Architectural Committee to go to. By law Azarmi was supposed to go the property owners for any variance. The Unincorporated Association ("UA") was formed to provide property owners with an Architectural Committee for variances and exceptions. The UA was recorded on January 25, 2021 at Fee number 2021004595.

Plaintiff did NOT request the necessary and indispensable parties to join the Plaintiff and become members of the Unincorporated Association. All property owners are automatically members of the UA pursuant to the Resolution. The UA was formed pursuant to Statute 33-1802(1). The initial Architectural Committee whose term of service expired over twenty years ago was clarified for members and is in compliance with Statute 33-1817 B and Article I of the CC&Rs.

The second purpose of the UA was for balloting property owners for amendments to the CC&Rs. The mailed Ballot for amendments to the Declaration conforms to Statute 33-1807 and Article I of the Tract 4076 Subdivision Declarations of CC&Rs.

The amendments are NOT needed for any abandonment claim since "complete abandonment" has not occurred in the Subdivision. Courts have a 3-step process for examining complete abandonment claims. First, they examine the number, nature and severity of the violations that existed at the time of the claim. The numbers, severity and nature would fail the first step because each servitude is counted independently pursuant to paragraph 19 of the CC&Rs "Invalidation of any ... shall in no way affect any

...others" and no violation is severe enough have harmed the nature of the golf course subdivision. The CC&Rs have been enforced in the past therefore the second step would fail scrutiny. Third, Courts determine whether it is still possible to realize to a substantial degree the benefits intended through the covenant regardless of the cost to the violating defendant. When remedy is possible, the benefits can continue to exist as intended. Not one violation of the CC&Rs cannot be remedied therefore the third step would fail. Complete abandonment of the CC&Rs is futile.

In *Burke v. Voicestream Wireless Corp.*, 87 P.3d 81 (Ariz. Ct. App. 2004) the remedy cost \$300,000 for the Defendant to take down their wireless tower. In Azarmi's situation, affiant Green can replace his window installations with tempered glass; McKee can enclose patio covers to create livable Arizona Rooms. Wrought iron can be painted black. Gates can be welded shut. Antennas are legal. Mr. Patch's lost wrought iron panels can be replaced. Projecting patio covers can be cut away. Plaintiff has options for her side yard setback shortfall from the cutting away remedy to a lot lie adjustment with purchase of a narrow strip of her neighbor's land. There exists no violation in Desert Lakes that does not have remedy for compliance of the intended benefits.

Enforcement occurred as early as 1991 when CEO Passantino of Desert Lakes Development L.P. found that Parcel VV was inappropriately labeled by the County as future multifamily. It had never been officially zoned multifamily ("MF") but Passantino nonetheless went to the trouble to formally abandon that designation when he was approved for 23 lots to be Tract 4076-E on Parcel VV/KK. This abandoned MF zoning created compliance with the 1989 CC&R para. 16 for the restriction that "apartments,"

condominiums, town houses and patio homes are expressly forbidden".

In 2002, Thomas Coury of "T&M" Mohave Properties/Ranching & Development the County rescind the HOA provision on Parcel VV/KK. The CC&Rs for Tract 4076-B that governs Tract 4163 never had an HOA.

In 2016, the Plaintiff enforced the CC&Rs against Azarmi's attempted violation with Board of Supervisors' vote to deny his Res. 2016-125 proposal to change the front and rear setbacks to fifteen feet. In 2016, Plaintiff enforced fence violations against her adjacent neighbor with the cutting away of solid cement block and restoration of wrought iron rails. In 2018, Plaintiff is attempting to enforce off-premises business advertising sign violations against Azarmi. In 2021, Plaintiff is attempting to enforce setback and fence violations on her own property with remedy to be paid for by those responsible.

Mr. Oehler was the defense attorney in the 2016 case and Azarmi was well aware that Plaintiff stopped his 2016 proposal. It is a lie that the CC&Rs have not been enforced in thirty years. Famous Quote: "When you have no basis for an argument, abuse the plaintiff."—Cicero

Plaintiff had good cause for the additional letter inside the envelope packet for the purpose of obtaining accurate physical addresses of current owners of Assessor Parcel Numbers in said tract. This separate part of the mailer was due to Plaintiff's search of current owners for compliance with Rule 19 and an email on May 3, 2022 to an owner of an APN as follows:

Hello, The Mohave County Recorder's office only has you and Doreen listed as the property owners of APN 226-13-021

His reply was, "Why is [it] you need to know this?" and Plaintiff replied:

Hello, Thank you for the reply. The law suit against a developer here wants to claim abandonment of the CC&Rs and the Court wants all interested parties who will be affected by the jury's decision to be joined in the law suit before it goes to trial. It is only the owners of the property that need to be mailed the documents and the only County entity with the change of ownership for legal title to the land is the Recorder's office. For some reason there are a lot of homes and lots too that have property tax statements mailed to them even though the County Recorder has no name nor mailing address on Record for the APN. Kind of complicated situation with about 250 APNs that may need to be joined. It will be less if the Court decides that only the ones who have an actual recorded deed are the interested parties. You have a Recorded deed and yet Larry Markuson is getting the property tax statement. The CC&Rs apply to all 250 lots. Are you still in the area? Nancy

Based on the above search and curiosity as to why Plaintiff was doing the search, it was important for efficient compliance to the Rule 19 Order to get a response for an accurate mailing address and to inform the property owner as to why it was needed. These property owners are to be served with a Summons as stated in the letter. Plaintiff wrote, "Court has ordered you to be joined in a law suit" "Your Summons needs to be delivered to a physical address". All of the brief details in the one paragraph that followed are public record and are available to anyone.

No one was swayed toward the Plaintiff by the information that the case is about Injunctive Relief to stop the Defendants from building homes in violation of the CC&Rs and for their advertising signs or why the one defendant for Breach of Contract in Tract 4076-A was dismissed. After the short paragraph, there is space for any forwarded letters to be filled in by a property owner for their current mailing address. Plaintiff cannot get

forwarding address from the post office.

Nothing in Plaintiff's letter would sway any person to favor the Plaintiff. In fact, the opposite occurred. Signs were posted on mail boxes to not return the ballot. Profane letters were mailed to Plaintiff's home. Azarmi was defended as someone who "builds our schools". Plaintiff is known as the pariah of the neighborhood according to Kevin Ferrel on Lipan Court. It appears that Azarmi is the one who has been successful in swaying sympathy toward his position. Affidavits with fraudulent claims is additional proof of that. Several property owners, including Hogue, Miller, Rovno, Choate and Unipan who purchased her home from Grice, were informed of their violations as built by Defendant Fairway years ago and chose to support Fairway by not prosecuting Fairway and Azarmi for causing them harm. They prefer to shoot the messenger.

Even the issue of the Class Action mentioned in the letter was the result of Azarmi's May 11, 2018 filing on page 6. The Plaintiff should not be punished for the purpose of determining if a large number of property owners may have been harmed.

This Court should be able to see that his judgment of the Plaintiff was misconstrued and she has been unduly punished with a one-sided gag order. Defendants are the ones who should be admonished. Proof of their misdeeds is clear from the solicited Fraudulent Affidavits filed in this matter. The legal basis for the Plaintiff's First Amendment right to free speech is that the Court cannot prevent people from stating their views on public issues as this will prevent property owners from having access to full disclosure of this case and not just the one-sided view of the Defendants that has already permeated the community. Even employees and attorneys for Mohave County have come

to believe they can circumvent Res. 93-122 as Azarmi attempted to do in 2016 and as he did as a Planning Commissioner and County Committee member with Ordinance 37.C.4.

Ord. 37.C.4 is commonly known as the 50% rule. County employees have chosen to issue permits with claims that the 10 foot rear yard setback under the 50% rule governs all lots in Desert Lakes. Property owners are being duped. Res. 93-122 cannot be circumvented. These grounds of fraud are being prosecuted in the Yavapai County case.

The June 3, 2022 mailer was sent to every address associated with an APN subject to the Tract 4076-B CC&Rs. In time it is intended that property owners will have one Declaration for the entire 300+acres of land. The Tract B CC&Rs are more restrictive for livable space and therefore it had to be the first to be amended to conform to the less restricted Tract 4076-A livable space - if 75% of the property owners agreed.

Sheets v. Dillon is a case that is cited in over 30 other cases that in pertinent part for this matter states, "If plaintiff desires to have this covenant invalidated and stricken from the deed of the original grantee, he *must* bring in the interested parties and give them a day in court." Sheets, 221 N.C. at 432, 20 S.E.2d at 348 (emphasis added).

Source: https://casetext.com/case/karner-v-roy-white-flowers-inc-1

Plaintiff stands on the law of cases. It is clear that by law the definition of a Plaintiff is the party that has the burden of proof. This Court may have erred in his analysis of whatever case he believes supports the Defendant's desire to have the Declaration invalidated and yet not hold them responsible for bringing in the necessary parties.

The case of *Tull v. Doctors Bldg., Inc.*, 225 N.C. 23, 41, 120 S.E. 2d 817, 829-30 (1961) explains why some parties could not be forgiven in this matter for their violations. Forgiveness was appropriately denied by the Hon. Judge Jantzen in Plaintiff's MSJ dated June 1, 2020. Support of Judge Jantzen's ruling is found in *Tull* where the Court examined a situation where a covenant was removed from only a few lots in a subdivision and said, "If equity should permit these border lots to deviate from the residential restriction, the problem arises anew with respect to the lots next inside those relieved from conforming. Thus, in time, the restrictions throughout the tract will become nugatory through a gradual infiltration of the spreading change."

Spreading infiltration needs a property owner to enforce CC&Rs. Desert Lakes has no HOA and the UA does not enforce CC&Rs. The Plaintiff is preventing spreading infiltration that will only stop with law suits and visible remedy as a deterrent. Stalling this matter has created opportunity for ongoing violations by these Defendants. One such case is the home of Judy Rovno who had her main home built by Defendant Fairway in August 2018 with a rear yard setback violation. The Court did not allow an amendment for Rovno's setback violation and Plaintiff had to file a separate case in 2021 to attempt enforcement. While in litigation, Rovno constructed a second detached dwelling unit on her single family lot that has no garage and has less than 1,000 sq. ft. of livable space. Remedy is necessary and achievable in more ways than one.

In the case of *Vernon v. R.J. Reynolds Realty Co.*, 226 N.C. 58, 61, 36 S.E. 2d 710, 712 (1946) we see why it is important to enforce violations. The Court explained "that the right to enforce the restriction was a property right with value."

Plaintiff considers her CC&Rs as having economic value. Desert Lakes

Development L.P. considered the CC&Rs as having value. The real estate community

considers CC&Rs as having economic value and the real estate community is prideful

that Desert Lakes enforces CC&Rs without an HOA and associated HOA dues. They

advertise "No HOA". Azarmi is jealous. Both of his subdivisions have HOAs and dues to

pay. Intelligent people in the community recognize Desert Lakes is the community of

choice and appreciate the UA with no dues to pay.

The Plaintiff's June 2022 Ballot for Amendments to the CC&Rs was urgent due to the malicious letter that was mailed to everyone claiming Plaintiff wanted to start an HOA with high dues to pay. The urgency and high priority for this Ballot for Amendments to the CC&Rs was to insert in the Declaration that "The Owners expressly prohibit the Committee or the UA from forming a Home Owners Association (HOA). The Owners expressly prohibit the Committee or the UA from assessing annual dues from owners for any purpose whatsoever."

The amendment prohibiting an HOA and associated dues does not affect this case.

The other proposed amendments would not affect a jury outcome and many of the existing violations have easily achievable remedies as already stated.

Any reasonable person, with the exception of attorney Oehler, recognizes the difference between a boundary fence for the purpose of the chain link restriction and a golf ball safety barrier that is best served with chain link that does not deteriorate as nylon mesh does. Safety is likely to be favorably ruled on by a jury without a remedy to replace chain link with nylon netting.

Adding specific words to the sign restriction for clarity and safety purposes would not be detrimental to the defendants. Fairways' rusted and deteriorated signs that posed a risk of harm to persons and property led to the need to be clear on what is meant by "not allowed to remain on any lots".

Gate access to the golf course is not the purview of the property owners.

Preventing trespass on property that they do not own would not affect a ruling of abandonment.

A law for satellite dish antennas was passed by the FCC and whenever a law conflicts with a restriction it was to be construed as if it had not been inserted. Mr. Oehler should never have allowed this to be one of his client's claims for abandonment.

Wrought iron fencing all the way to the front yard street setback is considered a safety and privacy issue. Common law has always protected the landowner in the right to fence his property. A jury would most likely agree that these fences conform to the CC&Rs for "structures normally incidental to single family residences" since safety is paramount in today's environment.

The UA President's authority to prepare, execute and record the written instrument setting forth the approved amendments was pursuant to Statute 33- 1817 A in accordance with the Resolution that formed the UA. All of the balloted actions are NOT the subject matter of underlaying litigation in CV 2018 04003. Seventeen restrictions are a part of the Declaration and none can be proven to have been completely abandoned nor caused a detrimental change in the area that cannot be remedied for which they were intended.

## **CONCLUSION**

Public policy is threatened by Defendants who can claim abandonment and cause a Plaintiff to suffer the high cost of process service to Indispensable Parties and then expect this Court to keep her from contacting anyone, directly or indirectly, regarding this case.

The gag order should be equally applied to the Plaintiff, Defendants and Attorney Oehler. The Defendants and Mr. Oehler have done more to affect the outcome of this case in their favor than any single paragraph of public record could have done to favor the Plaintiff.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 14th day of November, 2022

Nancy Knight, Plaintiff Pro Per

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