



THIS HILLSIDE DRIVE residence owned by Elwood "Woody" Fulford was the subject of a suit filed by the Town of Holden Beach against Fulford in 1984. The

town wants Fulford to return the enclosed porches to their original construction. In his answer to the town's complaint, Fulford seeks dismissal of the case.

Suit Over Beach Home Continues

The continuing dispute over the exterior of a Holden Beach home continued in Brunswick County District Court last week with the filing of an answer to a suit filed in August 1982 by the town against the owner of the home.

Homeowner Elwood "Woody"

Fulford of Route 3, Supply, asks that the case involving his home at 195 Hillside Drive be dismissed.

The town, in its 1984 complaint, asked the court for an injunction and order of abatement directing Fulford to get a new building permit, to bring the house into compliance with an

earlier court order and to do this within a reasonable time frame to be set by the court.

The town says Fulford obtained a building permit for that purpose in February 1982, but allowed the permit to expire without completing the work specified in the court order.

That order, issued by Judge Maurice Braswell, directs that the house be restored to its "original perimeter," a process the town says includes removing certain additions, changing closed-in porches back to screened-in porches and changing the roof line.

Fulford, in an answer submitted by attorney Elva Jess of Southport, admits that he applied for and received a building permit, but denies that its purpose was to fulfill the terms of the Braswell order, which declared an earlier building permit issued by the town to Fulford "null and void."

Fulford admits the town adopted a zoning ordinance and that one section of it governs the expiration of building permits. But he denies the town's statements about the status of the building's restoration. Fulford also denies he ever received verbal notice to finish the work authorized by the permit.

Sunset Beach Approves Flood Management Rules

It took the Sunset Beach Council only a few minutes Monday afternoon to adopt a flood damage prevention ordinance.

After brief discussion, they voted unanimously to adopt revised regulations so that the town may continue to qualify for participation in the regular National Flood Insurance Program. Mayor Pro tem Ed Gore was absent.

The town had to adopt the new ordinances no later than Dec. 18 or risk exclusion from the flood insurance program. The program allows property owners in areas subject to flooding to buy flood insurance at reduced rates subsidized by federal taxes if their community takes formal steps to reduce the damage that can result from flooding.

The regulations are based on flood insurance maps accepted by the town in February. In most cases the new flood elevations are less restrictive than before.

In the new regulations, new more restrictive definitions of "break-away walls" and "start of construction" are employed as well as new limits on construction in areas called "floodways," areas along channels prone to damage by high-velocity floodwaters.

A "break-away wall" means a wall that is not part of the structural support of a building and is intended to collapse under specific load forces without damaging the elevated portion of the building or its supporting foundation.

In coastal high hazard areas where there is danger from wave wash, buildings must be located 60 feet landward of mean high tide and be constructed with more wind- and wave-resistant anchoring. Also, only

wash-away lattice work or decorative screening is allowed below the lowest supporting member.

The term "start of construction" has been revised to include any work beyond the stage of excavation, including the relocation of a structure, and to exclude installation of streets and walkways.

A development permit from the town's building inspector, Wallace Martin, is required before the start of any development activities in areas of special flood hazard within the town's jurisdiction. It must include a flood elevation or flood-proofing certification.

The penalty for violating any provision of the ordinance or for failing to comply with it, constitutes a misdemeanor. Upon conviction a violator can be fined not more than \$50, imprisoned for more than 30 days, or both. Each day the violation continues is considered a separate offense.

Council members had asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency for an extension of the Dec. 18 deadline, but didn't get it.

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ETHERIDGE PEST CONTROL

Deputies Recover Stolen Goods

Brunswick County Sheriff's Department deputies recovered \$109,741 in stolen property during the month of November.

More than \$98,000 of the total was seized after officers followed tips provided by private citizens and arrested two men, David Boston of Jacksonville, Fla., and Gary Smith of Massachusetts, in the south end of the county on Nov. 4.

Officers recovered three vehicles that had been stolen in Florida, a gun, U-Haul Corp. items, and numerous items taken in local break-ins, said Detective Lindsey Walton. Additional arrests and property recovery are expected as the local agency works with law enforcement officers in several other states in cracking what appears to be a multi-state theft ring.

Several thousands of dollars worth of goods stolen in Seaside area break-ins were recovered also with the arrest last month of Lane Inman of the Seaside area. "We believe we recovered 65 percent to 70 percent of the property," said Walton.

Also in November, officers drove 85,844 miles using 5,228 gallons of gas and 18 quarts of oil. Eighty-six witnesses were summoned. Deputies made 94 arrests as prosecuting witnesses.

They served 378 civil papers, one juvenile petition and one mental and inebriate paper. Deputies also served 144 local warrants and 45 foreign warrants.

During the month 877 calls were answered and deputies made 108 investigations.

Four doors and windows were found open.

Deputies spent 70 court hours on duty, 12 hours off duty and 320 hours as duty officer.

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