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“From Justice As A Foundation All Rights Flow”

Sheriff John W. Mina
Orange County Sheriff's Office
PO BOX 1440
Orlando, FL. 32802-1440

Dear Sheriff John Mina,

With all due respect I would like to ask you to make sure that your deputies, who make some extra money by serving as Sergeant-At-Arms at meetings of community associations, are well informed about the laws regulating these communities (**FS 718** – Condo Act + **FS 720** – HOA Act). The cost of these off-duty officers is being paid by the whole community, not just by the board president or some board members.

These officers are hired to keep peace at these meetings and make sure that the laws are being followed. In recent times we have seen these officers just following the orders of the board president removing owners from meetings who are trying to make use of a right given to them by the Florida statutes: **Speaking for three minutes on agenda items.** (**FS 720.303(2)(b) (b) Members have the right to attend all meetings of the board. The right to attend such meetings includes the right to speak at such meetings with reference to all designated items.**)

It doesn't matter if the board president likes these comments, it's definitely no reason to order the off-duty officer to remove this owner from the meeting. These are dictatorial methods the Florida Legislature was trying to stop when creating these "**Free Speech**" laws.

If the owner removed from the meeting by the off-duty officer is later on served with **TRESPASS WARNINGS** on formal Orange County Sheriff's Office forms, it adds insult to injury. Especially, if these "warnings" don't have case numbers and/or the name/signature of the deputy/ supervisor issuing this warning (please see example attached), only the signature of the HOA Board President.

We all want peaceful meetings, meetings where State laws are being followed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warm regards,
(Jan W. Bergemann)

Attachment: Orange County Sheriff's Office Trespass Warning