FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION





South Central Region

Miami Office

P.O. Box 520617 Miami, FL 33152-0617

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Inverrary Gardens Master Association, Inc. Lauderhill, Florida

NOTICE OF UNLICENSED OPERATION

Case Number: EB-09-MA-0158 Document Number: W201032600009

The Miami Office received information that an unlicensed broadcast radio station on 107.1 MHz was allegedly operating in Broward County, Florida. On September 25, 2009, agents from this office confirmed by direction finding techniques that radio signals on frequency 107.1 MHz were emanating from an antenna on the roof of a building at the Fairways of Inverrary in Lauderhill, Florida, a common area owned by the Inverrary Gardens Master Association, Inc. The Commission's records show that no license was issued for operation of a broadcast station on 107.1 MHz at this location in Lauderhill, Florida.

Radio stations must be licensed by the FCC pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 301. The only exception to this licensing requirement is for certain transmitters using or operating at a power level or mode of operation that complies with the standards established in Part 15 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 15.1 *et seq*. The field strength of the signal on frequency 107.1 MHz was measured at 17,286 μ V/m at 306 meters, which exceeded the maximum permitted level of 250 microvolts per meter (μ V/m) at 3 meters for non-licensed devices. Thus, this station was operating in violation of 47 U.S.C. § 301.

You are hereby warned that operation of radio transmitting equipment without a valid radio station authorization **or providing services and facilities incidental to the operation of an unlicensed radio transmitter** constitutes a violation of the Federal laws cited above and could subject the operator to severe penalties, including, but not limited to, substantial monetary fines, *in rem* arrest action against the offending radio equipment, and criminal sanctions including imprisonment. (*see* 47 U.S.C. §§ 401, 501, 503 and 510).

UNLICENSED OPERATION OF ANY RADIO STATION MUST NOT RESUME.

You have ten (10) days from the date of this notice to respond with any evidence that you had authority to operate granted by the FCC or with the steps you have taken to prevent the operation of any unlicensed radio stations from the Fairways of Inverrary. Your response should be sent to the address in the letterhead and reference the listed case and document number. Under the

Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3), we are informing you that the Commission's staff will use all relevant material information before it to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure your compliance with FCC Rules. This will include any information that you disclose in your reply.

You may contact this office if you have any questions.

Stephanie Dabkowski Resident Agent Miami Office

Attachments:

Excerpts from the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended Enforcement Bureau, "Inspection Fact Sheet," March 2005

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