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Martinez v. City of Lantana

District Court of Appeal of Florida, Fourth District - April 23, 2025 - So.3d - 2025 WL 1172818

Homeowner brought action against city, seeking declaratory and injunctive relief arising from pending fines for code violations related to homeowner's driveway, fence, and parking, alleging that the fines violated constitutional prohibition on excessive fines.

The Circuit Court granted summary judgment to city. Homeowner appealed.

The District Court of Appeal held that accumulated fine totaling over \$160,000 did not violate constitutional prohibition on excessive fines.

Accumulated fine totaling over \$160,000 for homeowner's code violations related to her driveway, fence, and parking did not violate constitutional prohibition on excessive fines, where per diem amount of fines ranged from \$75 to \$250.