



City of Coral Gables
Development Services Department

CONSTRUCTION REGULATION BOARD
CASE RESUME

HEARING DATE: February 9, 2026

CASE NO.: 25-9620
RECT-25-09-0585

BUILDING ADDRESS: 1114 S Dixie Hwy

FOLIO NUMBER: 03-4130-003-0270

OWNER: GEM Pyramid LLC, C/O Carlos A Romero JR

USE: Restaurant or Cafeteria

OF LIVING UNITS: 0

PENDING RECERTIFICATION: 2025

LAST RECERTIFICATION: 2015

YEAR BUILT: 1955

DESCRIPTION AND DEFECTS OF BUILDING: The Building Official has inspected the records relating to the Structure in accordance with Article III, Chapter 105 of the City Code, pertaining to unsafe structures, and Section 8-11 of the Miami-Dade County Code, as applicable in the City, pertaining to existing buildings. The Structure is hereby declared unsafe by the Building Official for failure to timely comply with the maintenance and recertification requirements of the Florida Building Code.

DATES AND ACTIVITIES:

- 02/01/23 Courtesy 2 Year Notice from the City advising Recertification is required mailed
- 01/31/24 Courtesy 1 Year Notice from the City advising Recertification is required mailed
- 01/31/25 First Notice from the City advising Recertification is required mailed.
- 05/01/25 Second Notice from the City advising Recertification is pending mailed.
- 08/26/25 Notice of Unsafe Structure Violation for Failure to Recertify and Notice of Hearing mailed with return receipt
- 08/27/25 Notice of Hearing posted on Structure and at City Hall.
- 09/08/25 Engineer letter attesting the building is structurally safe & electrically safe for its use and occupancy signed & sealed on 09/08/2025
- 09/08/25 Structural Recertification Report – Building: **APPROVED**
- 09/08/25 **Board Hearing**
The Owner shall take the Required Action as follows: **A.** Submit a letter from a structural Engineer within seven (7) days of the Board’s meeting attesting the structure is safe for occupancy. **B.** Submit a Recertification Report prepared by a licensed Architect or Engineer within sixty (60) days of the Board’s Order Recertifying the property. **C.** Pay all applicable administrative fees. **D.** A \$250 daily fine be imposed if any of these deadlines are not met.
- 10/06/25 Electrical Recertification Report – repairs required
- 11/10/25 **BOARD ORDER EXPIRED**
- 01/22/26 Notice of Intent to Lien and Hearing mailed Certified Mail & USPS Regular Mail
- 01/23/26 Notice of Hearing posted at City Hall
- 01/24/26 Notice of Hearing posted on Structure
- 02/09/26 Board Hearing

TO DATE THE OWNER HAS: NOT submitted a revised Recertification Report for the City's review.

BUILDING OFFICIAL'S RECOMMENDATION:

- A.** The property owner has failed to comply with the original order; therefore, all provisions of the original order, including fines or deadlines, remain in full force and effect and the fines of \$250 per day shall run retroactive to the deadline given in the original hearing of September 8, 2025, and until the original order is fully complied with.
- B.** That the Property Owner submit current structural and electrical recertification reports and cover letters, as applicable, appropriately signed and sealed by a Florida-licensed professional engineer or architect, within thirty (30) days of the Board's meeting.
- C.** That the Property Owner submit appropriately signed and sealed safe-to-occupy letters for both the Structural and Electrical Recertification, as applicable, within thirty(30) days of the Board's meeting attesting that the building's structural and electrical systems are safe for occupancy while repairs are undertaken, and that updated safe-to-occupy letters be submitted every six (6) months thereafter while recertification is pending.
- D.** Immediately obtain and close all necessary permits as applicable to perform repairs needed to recertify the structure.
- E.** That the Building Official shall thereafter take any measures within his authority, as set forth in City or County Code and Florida law, to ensure the safety of the building, its occupants, and the surrounding areas, including but not limited to evacuating the structure, disconnecting utilities, and demolition of the structure.
- F.** That a \$500 daily fine be imposed if **a)** any of the above deadlines are not met, or **b)** if the building is not recertified within 45 days of the board's meeting, in addition to fines previously imposed, until the building is fully recertified.

PERMIT ACTIVITY:

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