

CAUSE NO. 2022-11380

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| JAMES C. MASTANDREA | § | |
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| <i>Plaintiff,</i> | § | |
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| v. | § | |
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| DAVID TAYLOR, JACK MAHAFFY, | § | IN THE DISTRICT COURT |
| JEFF JONES, NANDITA BERRY, | § | |
| DAVID HOLEMAN, CHRISTINE | § | |
| MASTANDREA, PETER TROPOLI, | § | |
| AND WHITESTONE REIT, | § | |
| | § | HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS |
| <i>Defendants,</i> | § | |
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| & | § | |
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| WHITESTONE REIT, | § | |
| | § | 215th JUDICIAL DISTRICT |
| <i>Counter-Plaintiff,</i> | § | |
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| v. | § | |
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| JAMES C. MASTANDREA, | § | |
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| <i>Counter-Defendant</i> | § | |

ORDER TEMPORARILY SEALING COURT RECORDS

Defendants Whitestone REIT, David Taylor, Jack Mahaffey, Jeff Jones, Nandita Berry, David Holeman, Christine Mastandrea, and Peter Tropoli (collectively, “Defendants”) filed an Unopposed Motion to Temporarily Seal Court Records pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 76a(5) and supported the motion by verification. As required by Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 76a(5), 21, and 21a, Defendants gave notice of the motion to all parties that have filed pleadings in this case. By verified pleading, Defendants proved a compelling need for a temporary sealing order and demonstrated that delay in sealing would result in immediate and irreparable harm to a specific interest. Plaintiff does not oppose the Motion. Defendants request to temporarily seal records as set forth in their Motion to Temporarily Seal Court Records is therefore **GRANTED**.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED** that Defendants may file their Motion for Summary Judgment on All Claims Brought by Plaintiff James C. Mastandrea and Exhibits 3–23 under temporary seal until the Court hears the motion filed by Defendants to place said records under permanent seal.

It is further **ORDERED** that Defendants’ request to permanently seal records as set forth in its Motion to Permanently Seal Court records be heard in open court on October 19, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. in the 215th Judicial District Court, Harris County, Texas. Interested parties may attend the hearing in person and/or via Zoom. Interested parties may obtain information regarding virtual participation on the Court’s website (<https://www.justex.net/section/1026>).

It is further **ORDERED** that, if such notice has not already been given, Defendants give public notice, as required by Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 76a(3), of their request to place the records under permanent seal.

Signed on this the _____ day of _____, 2023.

Signed:
9/5/2023
8:09 AM



JUDGE ELAINE H. PALMER

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