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## Couple Faces Legal Roadblock After Buying Florida Lot for \$17,500

### Description

This Florida couple bought a vacant lot for \$17,500 — then discovered they're barred by law from building on it. This Florida couple bought a vacant lot for \$17,500 — then discovered they can't build on it.

Donna Hartl and her husband bought a lot in Brooksville, Florida. They paid \$17,500. They wanted to build their dream home.

However, they found out they cannot build there. A law stops them because a nearby power line is too close. The couple did their research. They checked with the county and got plans made for their home.

Unfortunately, a neighbor told them about the easement. This easement means they cannot build within 100 feet of the power pole. Now, most of their land is unusable.

They still have to pay taxes on the land. The county reduced the value of the land, but they are still stuck with it.

This shows the importance of knowing the rules about land before buying it. Always check public records for easements.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **Vacant** /'veɪ.kənt/ (adjective): Not occupied; empty.
2. **Easement** /'iː.zə.mənt/ (noun): A legal right to use a portion of someone else's property.
3. **Unusable** /ʌn'juː.zə.bəl/ (adjective): Not able to be used; impractical or unsuitable for use.
4. **Barred** /bɑːrd/ (verb): Prevented or restricted from doing something.
5. **Research** /'riː.sɜːrtʃ/ (noun/verb): The systematic investigation into and study of materials and sources.
6. **County** /'kaʊnti/ (noun): A territorial division of a state often with its own government.

### Comprehension Questions

#### Multiple Choice

1. What did Donna Hartl and her husband purchase in Brooksville, Florida?

Option: A house



- Option: A car
- Option: A vacant lot
- Option: An apartment

2. Why were Donna Hartl and her husband unable to build on the purchased lot?

- Option: Zoning laws
- Option: Distance from a power line
- Option: Lack of funds
- Option: Poor soil quality

3. What did the couple discover that prevented them from building on the lot?

- Option: Easement restrictions
- Option: Historical landmark status
- Option: High construction costs
- Option: Ecological preservation laws

4. What lesson did the couple learn from this experience?

- Option: Always buy property without verifying
- Option: Easements are not important
- Option: Check land rules before purchase
- Option: Taxes do not matter

5. What reduced the value of the land for Donna Hartl and her husband?

- Option: Property market crash
- Option: Tax exemptions
- Option: Easement laws
- Option: Neighbor disputes

6. What did a neighbor inform Donna Hartl and her husband about regarding the lot?

- Option: Property history
- Option: Easement requirements
- Option: Upcoming developments
- Option: Tax assessments

### **True-False**

7. Donna Hartl and her husband bought a lot in Brooksville, Florida for \$17,500.



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8. The couple was able to build their dream home on the purchased lot.
  9. The county decreased the land value for Donna Hartl and her husband.
  10. The importance of researching land rules before purchasing was highlighted in the story.
  11. The couple was informed about the easement by the real estate agent.
  12. Donna Hartl and her husband discovered the easement on their own.
  13. Donna Hartl and her husband purchased the lot for \$17,500 in Brooksville, Florida.

### Gap-Fill

14. The couple found out they cannot build on the land due to a law prohibiting construction within \_\_\_\_\_ of a power pole.
15. The couple learned the importance of researching land rules before buying to avoid unforeseen \_\_\_\_\_ like easements.
16. The county decreased the value of the land, leaving Donna Hartl and her husband with an \_\_\_\_\_ property.
17. The discovery of the easement served as a reminder to always verify \_\_\_\_\_ before finalizing a property purchase.
18. The incident in Brooksville, Florida highlights the risk of investing in property without thorough \_\_\_\_\_.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. A vacant lot 2. Distance from a power line 3. Easement restrictions 4. Check land rules before purchase 5. Easement laws 6. Easement requirements

**True-False:** 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. True 11. False 12. False 13. False

**Gap-Fill:** 14. 100 feet 15. challenges 16. unusable 17. details 18. research



## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What financial instruments represent ownership in a company?  
Option: Shares  
Option: Income  
Option: Revenue  
Option: Profit
2. What term refers to the remote delivery of healthcare services using telecommunications technology?  
Option: Telehealth  
Option: Easement  
Option: Event  
Option: Meme
3. What type of business structure involves cooperation and collaboration between two or more entities?  
Option: Partnerships  
Option: Automotive  
Option: Invest  
Option: Different
4. What term describes the process of preserving and keeping something in good condition?  
Option: Coverage  
Option: Maintenance  
Option: Targets  
Option: Growth
5. Which term describes a product or service that is reasonably priced and within financial reach of many people?  
Option: Unusable  
Option: Affordable  
Option: Succeed  
Option: Invest
6. What term refers to the environment where buyers and sellers interact to trade goods and services?  
Option: Starter  
Option: Market  
Option: Barred



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Option: Research

7. What are the expenses incurred in the production and sale of goods or services?

Option: Costs

Option: Vials

Option: Single-dose

Option: Easement

8. What is the total amount of income generated by a company through its business activities?

Option: Event

Option: Trends

Option: Revenue

Option: Research

9. In the context of insurance what term refers to the extent of protection provided by a policy?

Option: Matching

Option: Coverage

Option: Vacant

Option: Partnerships

10. What term describes the process of increasing in size quantity or value over time?

Option: Growth

Option: Targets

Option: Analysts

Option: Shares

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The \_\_\_\_\_ industry focuses on the design development manufacturing marketing and selling of motor vehicles.

12. Many individuals choose to \_\_\_\_\_ their savings in the stock market for potential returns.

13. Setting specific and achievable \_\_\_\_\_ can help businesses stay motivated and on track toward success.

14. Customers without a membership card are \_\_\_\_\_ from entering the exclusive club



premises.

15. The old computer was so outdated and slow that it became \_\_\_\_\_ for everyday tasks.

16. \_\_\_\_\_ is the financial gain resulting from the difference between revenues and expenses in a business.

17. For convenience and efficiency the medication is packaged in \_\_\_\_\_ vials for individual use.

18. The grand opening \_\_\_\_\_ attracted a large crowd and media coverage at the new store location.

19. The internet sensation went viral overnight becoming a popular \_\_\_\_\_ shared on social media platforms.

20. Analysts study market \_\_\_\_\_ to identify patterns and potential future developments in various industries.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Scientific studies and investigations conducted to uncover new knowledge or validate existing theories.
22. The money earned by an individual or business through employment investments or other sources.
23. Professionals who examine financial data market trends and business strategies to provide recommendations and forecasts.
24. A person or thing that begins or initiates something such as a new business venture or a meal before the main course.
25. A legal right granting someone the use of another person's land for a specific purpose such as access or utilities.



26. The financial gain made by a business when the income exceeds the total costs and expenses.
27. Diverse or distinct from one another showcasing variations or contrasts.
28. The extent to which risks or potential losses are protected by an insurance policy.
29. A specific right over another person's property that allows limited use for utility purposes.
30. The process of expanding in size development or importance over time.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Shares 2. Telehealth 3. Partnerships 4. Maintenance 5. Affordable 6. Market 7. Costs 8. Revenue 9. Coverage 10. Growth

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Automotive 12. Invest 13. Targets 14. Barred 15. Unusable 16. Profit 17. Single-dose 18. Event 19. Meme 20. Trends

**Matching sentence:** 1. Research 2. Income 3. Analysts 4. Starter 5. Easement 6. Profit 7. Different 8. Coverage 9. Easement 10. Growth

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