



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#12-2479

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: January 8, 2013

TITLE: Motion approving a contract to register vacant, abandoned and foreclosed properties

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve an agreement, in substantially the form attached, for the registration of vacant, abandoned, and foreclosed properties with Federal Property Registration Corp. (FPRC). Clay County, Florida did a competitive solicitation for these services and awarded a contract to FPRC. In accordance with The City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance 2-187(7), staff is requesting approval to piggy-back that contract for these services.

Background

At the October 2, 2012 regular agenda meeting the City Commission passed Ordinance C-12-38, (O-3) #12-2262 requiring institutions holding mortgages in default, on properties that have become abandoned, to register these properties with the City of Fort Lauderdale in a registration program for abandoned residential property.

Properties that have been abandoned and are allowed to become overgrown, and those structures that are left open and unsecured, not only have a negative impact on community values, but also create conditions that invite criminal activity and foster an environment that is unsafe and unhealthy for our community. It is for these reasons that abandoned properties must be maintained so as not to create these nuisance conditions.

The City wishes to enter into an agreement with FPRC in order to develop and implement the real property registry and fee collection program authorized pursuant to Ordinance C-12-38, to register vacant, abandoned, and foreclosed properties so that the City can properly address violations of the City's property maintenance codes.

FPRC will provide the following services:

Identify vacant/abandoned properties within the City, and the mortgagee that holds a mortgage on the real property that is declared to be in default.

Notify mortgage holder of its requirement to register vacant/abandoned properties, pursuant to Ordinance C-12-38.

Provide mortgage holder detailed instructions on how to register the property, identifying information required to complete registry access to the registry system, select and identify the local property manager and any other information necessary by the mortgage holder to complete the registry of the property.

Train and provide support with the responsible person for the lender to electronically register the information.

Develop and design or acquire and maintain through the duration of the engagement, a web-based electronic registry system that affords all mortgage holders the opportunity to go on-line and register vacant/abandoned properties.

Provide the City free access to, and training on, the web-based electronic registry system and reporting tools. Also provide any necessary website and reporting tools support to the City.

Include in the web-based electronic registry system, at no cost to the City, any properties, with mortgages declared to be in default, that have not been registered and the current status of the registration process for each property.

Provide the financial accounting of property registrations, identifying those that are in compliance with the ordinance as well as those that have not met their financial obligations.

Provide financial reports reasonably requested by the City.

Resource Impact

There is a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$100 per registered property.

FUNDS AVAILABILITY LOCATION:

FISCAL YEAR	FUN D	SUB FUN D	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	SUB OBJECT #	SUBJECT NAME
2013	001	01	General Fund	DSD04010 1	Community Inspections	N989	Foreclosure Reg Fee

Related CAM(s): #12-2117, #12-2262

Attachment
Exhibit 1 – Agreement
Exhibit 2 – Clay County Agreement

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