



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

**#26-0031**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** January 20, 2026

**TITLE:** Resolution Imposing Special Assessment Liens for Lot Clearing – **(Commission Districts 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the imposition of special assessment liens for costs associated with abating public nuisances by cleaning and removing debris from properties listed in Exhibit 1.

**Background**

Section 18-12(a) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale (Code) defines overgrown lawns, grass, weeds, trash, rubbish, and debris on a property as an unlawful public nuisance. According to Sections 18-14 and 18-15 of the Code, the City is authorized to clean and remove debris from properties exhibiting such public nuisances, as detailed with associated costs in Exhibit 1.

Section 18-13 of the Code requires the City to provide notice to a property owner that the cited public nuisance must be corrected within ten (10) days of the date of the notice of violation of the public nuisance. When a property owner fails to correct the public nuisance within the timeframe provided, a City-designated contractor clears and cleans the property of the public nuisance. Following the abatement of the public nuisance, the City mails a statement of assessed costs and expenses to the property owner, requesting payment within thirty (30) days.

If the City does not receive payment on the outstanding balance within thirty (30) days from the date of the mailing, the City records the case in the public records of Broward County. As proposed in the attached resolution, the costs and expenses incurred by the City in abating a public nuisance will be assessed and recorded as a special assessment lien against the cited properties.

**Resource Impact**

Should the City receive payment on the outstanding balance, the City will recover \$12,381 spent on cleaning and debris clearing services, plus any interest that accrues before the City receives payment from the property owner.

| <b><i>Funds available as of December 8, 2025:</i></b> |                               |  |                               |                                |          |
|---|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| ACCOUNT NUMBER  | COST CENTER NAME<br>(Program) | ACCOUNT/<br>ACTIVITY NAME                                      | AMENDED BUDGET<br>(Character) | AMOUNT RECEIVED<br>(Character) | AMOUNT   |
| 10-147-3201-524-341-900                               | Nuisance Abatement            | Charges for Services/Other General Government Charges and Fees | \$96,163                      | \$7,281                        | \$12,381 |
| <b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>                                 |                               |  |                               |                                | \$12,381 |

### **Strategic Connections**

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Housing Element
- Goal 2: Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Lot Clearing and Cleaning Report

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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