



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

**#15-0969**

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

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** August 18, 2015

**TITLE:** Resolution Imposing Special Assessment Liens for Lot Clearing

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the imposition of special assessment liens for costs associated with cleaning and removal of debris associated with properties listed in Exhibit 1.

**Background**

Pursuant to Section 18-14, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale (Code), the City cleaned and removed debris from properties listed in Exhibit 1. Included within the exhibit are the actual costs and expenses associated with abating the nuisance. Those costs and expenses for lot cleaning as recorded against a respective property as a special assessment lien in the public records of Broward County, pursuant to Section 18-15 of the Code.

In accordance with the Section 18-13 of the Code, a property owner is notified to clean and clear a property within ten days of the date of a citation. When compliance is not achieved within the required timeframe, the property is cleared and cleaned by the City contractor. A statement of costs and expenses is mailed to the property owner for requesting reimbursement.

If the City does not receive payment on the outstanding balance within 30 days from the date of the mailing, cases will be referred to the City's collection agency. Additionally, interest will accrue on the outstanding balance at a rate of 4.75% annually. This rate does not exceed the authorized maximum interest of 8% per year described in Section 170.09, Florida Statutes.

**Resource Impact**

Should the City receive payment on the outstanding balance, there will be a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$34,892.13.

Funds received will be deposited into the general fund, as detailed below.

Funds deposited as of July 13, 2015:					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	FUNDS RECEIVED (Object Code)	REVENUE AMOUNT
001-DSD040101-J022	Community Inspections	Lot Clearing	\$72,785	\$80,098	\$34,892
			<b>TOTAL ►</b>		\$34,892

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Commission Annual Action Plan* priority, included within the Management Agenda, advancing the Code Compliance Process Improvement effort.

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Neighborhood Enhancement Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 5: Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods.
- Objective 2: Enhance the beauty, aesthetics, and environmental quality of neighborhoods.
- Initiative 4: Implement the finding from the Code Compliance Process Improvement.

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

**Attachments**

- Exhibit 1 - Lot Clearing and Cleaning Report
- Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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