



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

#17-1168

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

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

DATE: November 7, 2017

TITLE: Resolution Imposing Special Assessment Liens for Lot Clearing

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve 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 are 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 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's contractor. A statement of costs and expenses is mailed to the property owner requesting reimbursement.

If the City does not receive payment on the outstanding balance within 30 days from the date of the mailing, the case will be recorded in the public records of Broward County. Additionally, interest will accrue on the outstanding balance at a rate of 4.75% annually. Sections 215.422(3)(b), 337.141(3) and 687.01, Florida Statutes, requires the use of this rate for the payment of interest for late payments to vendors. The outstanding balance may also be referred to the City's collection agency.

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 \$47,673.

<i>Funds available as of October 11, 2017:</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
147-DSD090101-J022	Nuisance Abatement	Chgs for Service/Lot Clearing Administration	\$166,110	\$411	\$47,673
				TOTAL AMOUNT ►	\$47,673

Strategic Connections

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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