#24-0041

**TO**: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM**: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE**: February 20, 2024

TITLE: Resolution Imposing Special Assessment Lien for Bee Removal -

(Commission District 3)

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission consider approving a resolution authorizing the imposition of a special assessment lien for costs associated with the bee removal from the property listed in Exhibit 1.

### **Background**

As authorized by sections 18-14 and 18-15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale (Code), the City removed beehives from the property listed in Exhibit 1. The exhibit shows actual costs and expenses associated with abating the nuisance(s). Costs associated with the bee removal will be recorded against the respective property as a special assessment lien in the public records of Broward County.

Section 18-13 of the Code requires the property owner to remove the beehives from the property within ten days of the date of a citation. When compliance is not achieved within the required timeframe, a City designated contractor clears the property of the nuisances. The Community Enhancement and Compliance Division then mails a statement of assessed costs and expenses to the property owner requesting payment within 30 days.

If the City does not receive payment on the outstanding balance within 30 days from the date of the mailing, the Community Enhancement and Compliance Division sends the case to be recorded in the public records of Broward County.

### Resource Impact

Should the City receive payment on the outstanding balance, the City will recover \$3,467 spent on beehive removal services, plus any interest that accrues before the City receives payment from the property owner.

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Funds available as of February 2, 2024					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT / ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
10-147-3201-524-325-202	Nuisance Abatement	Special Assessments – Charges for Public Services / Nuisance Abatement Assessment Fee	\$23,612	\$11,097	\$3,467
	1		TOTAL AMOUNT ►		\$3,467

# **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.

## <u>Attachments</u>

Exhibit 1 – Bee Removal Report Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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