

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager
DATE: December 3, 2024
TITLE: Resolution for Imposition of Special Assessment Liens for Costs Associated with Board-Ups – (Commission Districts 3 and 4)

## **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the imposition of special assessment liens for the costs associated with the securing and boarding of open and unsecured buildings for properties 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 secured the properties listed in Exhibit 1. The exhibit includes the actual costs and expenses associated with abating the nuisance(s) which will be recorded against the respective properties as a special assessment lien in the public records of Broward County.

In accordance with Section 18-13 of the Code, the property owner is notified to secure the property within 10 days of the date of a citation. When compliance is not achieved within the required timeframe, the property is secured 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, Building and Construction Enforcement sends the case to be recorded in the public records of Broward County. Additionally, interest accrues on the outstanding balance at a rate of 4.75% annually, as required by sections 215.422(3)(b), 337.141(3) and 687.01, Florida Statutes. Building and Construction Enforcement may also refer the outstanding balance to the City's collection agency.

### Resource Impact

Should the City receive payment on the outstanding balance, the City will recover \$3,804 spent on securing and boarding services, plus any interest that accrues before the City receives payment from the property owners.

Funds available as of October 24, 2024					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT / ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
10-140-3101-000-369-914	Building Permits	Miscellaneous Revenues/ Board Up Reimbursement	\$12,000	\$0.00	\$3,804.12
			TOTAL AMOUNT ►		\$3,804.12

# 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 - Board-Up Report Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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