



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

#18-0236

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

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

DATE: April 17, 2018

TITLE: Resolution for Imposition of Special Assessment Liens for Costs
Associated with the Securing of Multiple Properties

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the imposition of Special Assessment Liens for the costs associated with securing and boarding of open and unsecured buildings for the properties listed in Exhibit 1.

Background

Pursuant to Sections 18-14 and 18-15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale (Code), the City boarded up and secured open and abandoned structures on properties listed in Exhibit 1. The exhibit lists the actual costs and expenses incurred by the City to abate the public nuisance, which are to be recorded against the respective properties as a special assessment lien in the public records of Broward County.

In accordance with the Section 18-13 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, the property owner was provided with notification requiring the building be secured within ten days from the date of notice. Since compliance was not achieved within the specified timeframe, the building was boarded up and secured by the City. A Statement of Assessed Costs and Expenses was mailed to the property owner for reimbursement of these expenditures and remains unpaid.

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 \$28,847.00. Funds received will be deposited into the Nuisance Abatement Fund, as detailed below.

<i>Funds available as of March 21, 2017:</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
147-DSD090101-N970	Nuisance Abatement	Miscellaneous Revenues/Board Up Reimbursement	\$110,000	\$42,808	\$28,847
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$28,847

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 – Board Up Report

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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