

- TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
- **FROM**: Greg Chavarria, City Manager
- **DATE**: April 16, 2024
- TITLE:Resolution for Imposition of Special Assessment Liens for Costs Associated<br/>with Board ups (Commission District 3)

## **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the imposition of a special assessment lien for the costs associated with securing and boarding of an open and unsecured building for 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 secured the property 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 property 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, the Building and Construction Enforcement Division 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 \$1,208 spent on securing and boarding services, plus any interest that accrues before the City receives payment from the property owner.

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Funds available as of March 13, 2024					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT / ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
10-140-3101-524-369-914	Building Permits	Board Up Reimbursement- Building Department	\$12,000	\$0	\$1,208
			TOTAL AMOUNT ►		\$1,208

# **Strategic Connections**

This item is a FY2024 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Safety Initiative.

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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