



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

#25-0380

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: May 6, 2025

TITLE: Resolution Imposing Special Assessment Liens for Lot Clearing –
(Commission Districts 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the imposition of special assessment liens for costs associated with cleaning and removal of debris from properties listed in Exhibit 1.

Background

Section 18-12(a) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale (Code) defines overgrown lawns, grass, weeds, trash, rubbish, and debris on a property as an unlawful public nuisance. According to Sections 18-14 and 18-15 of the Code, the City is authorized to clean and remove debris from properties exhibiting such nuisances, as detailed with associated costs in Exhibit 1.

Section 18-13 of the Code requires the City to provide notice to the property owner that the nuisance must be corrected within 10 days of the date of the notice related to the public nuisance. When the property owner fails to correct the nuisance within the timeframe provided, a City-designated contractor clears and cleans the property of the nuisance. Following the abatement of the nuisance, the Community Enhancement and Compliance Division 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 records the case in the public records of Broward County. As proposed in the attached resolution, the costs and expenses incurred by the City in abating the public nuisance would be assessed and recorded as a special assessment lien against the respective properties.

Resource Impact

Should the City receive payment on the outstanding balance, the City will recover \$5,126 spent on cleaning and debris clearing services, plus any interest that accrues before the City receives payment from the property owner.

<i>Funds available as of April 1, 2025:</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT/ ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
10-147-3201-524-341-900	Nuisance Abatement	Charges for Services/Other General Government Charges and Fees	\$45,000	\$13,417	\$5,126
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$5,126

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 – Lot Clearing and Cleaning Report
Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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