



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

**#15-0331**

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

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

**DATE:** April 21, 2015

**TITLE:** Imposition of Special Assessment Liens for Costs Associated with the  
Securing of Multiple Properties in the City of Fort Lauderdale

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the imposition of Special Assessment Liens for the costs associated with securing and boarding up 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, the City boarded up and secured open and abandoned structures on properties listed on Exhibit 1. The exhibit lists the actual costs and expenses incurred by the City to abate the public nuisance, which is 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 10 days of 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 has remained unpaid.

**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 \$51,656.00.

**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*.

Attachment:  
Exhibit 1 – Property list

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