



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

#20-0831

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: December 2, 2020

TITLE: Resolution Imposing Special Assessment Liens for Lot Clearing –
(Commission Districts 1, 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

As authorized by sections 18-14 and 18-15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale (Code), the City cleaned and removed debris from 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.

Section 18-13 of the Code requires the property owner to clean and clear the property within 10 days of the date of a citation. When compliance is not achieved within the required timeframe, a City designated contractor is subject to clear and clean the identified property of the nuisances. The Community Enhancement and Compliance Division then mails a statement of 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, Community Enhancement 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. Community Enhancement 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 \$11,169 spent to perform the service plus any interest that accrues before the City receives payment from the property owner. The table below shows a summary of the account activity.

<i>Funds available as of November 4, 2020</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
147-DSD090101-J022	Nuisance Abatement	Charges for Service/ Lot Clearing Administration	\$109,311	\$2,765	\$11,169
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$11,169

Strategic Connections

This item supports the Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods.
- Objective: Create a continuum of education services and support
- The Internal Support Area
- Goal 8: Build a leading government organization that manages all resources wisely and sustainability.
- Objective: Maintain financial integrity through sound budgeting practices, prudent fiscal management, cost effective operations, and long-term planning

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We Are Community*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Lot Clearing and Cleaning Report

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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