



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#21-0715

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: September 9, 2021

TITLE: Resolution Imposing Special Assessment Liens for Lot Clearing –
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission consider and 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 shows actual costs and expenses associated with abating the nuisances. Costs associated with cleaning and removal of debris 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 ten days of the date of a citation. When compliance is not achieved within the required timeframe, a City designated contractor clears and cleans the property of the nuisances. The Community Enhancement and Compliance Division then 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 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 of the Florida Statutes. The Community Enhancement Division 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 \$22,689

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 July 28, 2021</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
147-DSD090101-J022	Nuisance Abatement	Miscellaneous Revenues/ Lot Clearing Administration	\$109,311	\$37,129	\$22,689
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$22,689

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.
- The Internal Support Area
- Goal 8: Build a leading government organization that manages all resources wisely and sustainably.
- 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 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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