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# City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: July 14, 2015  
FROM: CITY ATTORNEY WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: REIMBURSEMENT OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS ASSOCIATED  
WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTION AND  
REHABILITATION OF THE PROPERTY AT 4026 VAN BUREN  
BOULEVARD – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

## **ISSUE:**

The issue presented for consideration by the City Council is whether to accept reimbursement for fees and costs expended by the City Attorney's Office in connection with the administrative code enforcement action and rehabilitation of the property located at 4026 Van Buren Boulevard.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Approve the acceptance of \$3,800.00 for attorney's fees and costs associated with the code enforcement action and rehabilitation of the property at 4026 Van Buren Boulevard; and
2. Increase revenues and appropriate expenditures in the amount of \$3,800.00 to Special Program Account Number 1300000-450209.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The property at 4026 Van Buren Boulevard (Ward 5) has been the subject of an administrative code enforcement action for landscape and exterior maintenance violations. The City of Riverside has been able to successfully negotiate a rehabilitation agreement with the property owner. In exchange for the payment of \$24,000.00 in administrative civil penalties and \$3,800.00 in attorney's fees, the property owner has agreed to correct all violations and maintain the property in compliance with Chapters 6.11 and 6.14 of the Riverside Municipal Code.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The requested action will allow the City Attorney's Office to continue to implement the City Council's goals of rehabilitating substandard housing and improving neighborhood livability in the City of Riverside.

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