



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JULY 16, 2019

FROM: COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: RECOVERY OF FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 UNPAID ADMINISTRATIVE AND ABATEMENT COSTS FOR VARIOUS CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND NUISANCE ABATEMENTS AFFECTING REAL PROPERTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,582.33 – RESOLUTIONS

ISSUE:

Approve accounting of the administrative costs associated with the various code enforcement actions and nuisance abatements affecting real property.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the accounting and recovery of the unpaid administrative and abatement costs for various code enforcement actions and nuisance abatements affecting real property as set forth in Exhibits A-D totaling \$175,582.33; and
2. Adopt the attached Resolutions assessing the costs and establishing the liens upon the respective parcels of real property.

BACKGROUND:

The Administrative Code Enforcement Program adopted by the City Council on July 13, 1999 enables the Code Enforcement Division to employ appropriate means of cost recovery for abatement services and administrative costs that have been assessed. Actual costs for abatements can be recovered through a secured property tax lien. Fines and penalties are recovered through different collection methods.

DISCUSSION

When all means of notification, order and appeal have been utilized to gain voluntary compliance, the Code Enforcement Division often proceeds with abatement action by a contractor. The City then invoices the property owner(s) to collect the amounts of the fees and charges that have been incurred.

After utilizing all means of notification, invoicing and collection efforts to recover costs from the property owners without success, the City may attach a lien on the respective properties for the unpaid balances that are 30 days past due. After City Council has adopted the necessary resolutions, the Riverside County Auditor-Controller's Office will attach a lien on the respective property tax bill to recover the unpaid balances. As required by Riverside Municipal Code, the City will post a notice of the Public Hearing on or before June 25, 2019 in the Press Enterprise.

The attached Exhibits A through D identify the outstanding balances for Administrative Costs, Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, Rubbish Abatements, and Weed and Brush Nuisance Abatements. Properties identified in the exhibits are subject to revision, as payments are received up until the time of City Council action on this matter. The unpaid balances for fiscal year 2019-2020 need to be filed by August 12, 2019 with the Riverside County Auditor-Controller's Office in order to appear on the 2019-2020 property tax bills.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of this action is the recovery of approximately \$175,582.33 in unpaid balances, thereby reimbursing the General Fund for costs associated with Code Enforcement Division activity. The funds will be allocated as follows:

Exhibi	Account Title	Account	Amoun
A	Abatement of Dangerous Buildings	0000101-340401	\$22,347.99
B	Rubbish, Refuse, Trash/Debris or Waste Matter Abatements	0000101-362300	\$88,410.47
C	Weed and Brush Nuisance Abatements	0000101-362100	\$38,736.84
D	Administrative Costs	0000224-353700	\$26,087.03
Total = \$175,582.33			

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 Approved by: Rafael Guzman, Assistant City Manager
 Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. R - Abatement of Dangerous Buildings
2. R - Rubbish, Refuse, Trash/Debris or Waste Matter Abatements
3. R - Weed and Brush Nuisance Abatements
4. R - Administrative Costs
5. Presentation
6. Notice