

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CODE ENFORCEMENT LIEN AMNESTY PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Hollywood imposes code enforcement liens pursuant to Chapter 162 of Florida Statutes and the City's Code of Ordinances to ensure compliance and maintain community standards; and

WHEREAS, numerous properties within the City are encumbered by outstanding code enforcement liens, which may hinder property transactions, redevelopment efforts, and overall community improvement; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes that a temporary Code Enforcement Lien Amnesty Program can incentivize property owners to bring their properties into compliance, thereby enhancing the safety, aesthetics, and property values within the City; and

WHEREAS, similar programs implemented in neighboring municipalities have proven effective in promoting code compliance and resolving outstanding liens; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to establish a Code Enforcement Lien Amnesty Program (the "Program") to provide property owners with an opportunity to settle outstanding code enforcement liens at a reduced amount, subject to specific eligibility criteria and conditions established by City staff; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to have the Program run from March 5, 2025, to December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager or designee shall have the authority to extend the Program and/or amend the reduction amount at their discretion based on the Program's performance and community needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2: The City Commission hereby authorizes the establishment of a Code Enforcement Lien Amnesty Program to commence on March 5, 2025, and conclude on December 31, 2025.

Section 3: To be eligible for participation in the Program, property owners must meet the following criteria:

(a) The subject property, as well as all other properties owned by the same property owner within the City of Hollywood, must be in full compliance with all applicable City Codes and Ordinances, as verified by a compliance inspection conducted by the City's Code Compliance Division.

(b) The property owner must submit a completed application, along with a non-refundable application fee of \$150.00 for the first lien and \$25.00 for each additional lien, to the Code Compliance Division or Department of Financial Services within the Program period.

(c) All outstanding hard costs, including but not limited to lot clearing charges, board-up charges, demolition costs, and legal fees, are exempt from reduction under this Program and must be paid in full prior to or at the time of settlement.

(d) Properties currently involved in litigation with the City are not eligible for the Program.

Section 4: Upon approval of the application and verification of compliance, the code enforcement lien(s) shall be reduced to a percentage determined by the City's administrative lien amnesty policy or schedule of fees, plus a fee of \$125.00 per lien for lien preparation, recording, and release.

Section 5: The reduced lien amount, along with any outstanding hard costs and administrative fees, must be paid in full within 90 days of the approval date of the lien amnesty application. Failure to remit full payment within this timeframe shall render the lien reduction null and void, reinstating the original lien amount.

Section 6: The City Manager, the Director of Code Compliance, and the Director of Financial Services or their designee, are authorized to execute any necessary documents and take all necessary actions to implement the provisions of this Resolution, subject to Section 36.30 of the City's Code of Ordinances.

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Section 7: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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DAMARIS HENLON  
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY