



City of Hollywood

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Legislation Text

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A Resolution Of The City Commission Of the City of Hollywood, Florida, Relating To The Levying And Collecting Of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments For The Costs Of Abating Nuisances Occurring On Real Property In The City That Are Prohibited Under The City's Code Of Ordinances; Imposing Nuisance Abatement Assessments For The Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021 Against The Effected Properties Where The City Had Work Performed To Remedy The Nuisances; Approving The Assessment Amounts; Approving The Assessment Roll.

Financial Management & Administration

Staff Recommends: Approval of the attached Resolution.

Explanation:

The City Commission adopted Ordinance No. O-2013-06 authorizing the imposition of nuisance abatement non-ad valorem special assessments to recover the cost of remedial work performed by the City related to abandoned real or personal property, overgrown grass and debris removal, swimming pools posing public safety hazards, unsafe structures, and other related activities.

The imposition of nuisance abatement non-ad valorem assessments to be collected on the annual property tax bill each fiscal year is a fair and equitable method for the City to recover its costs and collect the amounts due where these amounts remain unpaid after billing the respective property owners. The City Commission desires to impose nuisance abatement non-ad valorem assessments on properties within the City using the procedures provided by the Ordinance, including the tax bill collection method, for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2021.

The City Commission initiated the imposition process by adopting Resolution No. R-2021-182 which referenced the City's authority to impose nuisance abatement assessments and to utilize the uniform method for the levy, collection and enforcement of these assessments for the City's fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021. The resolution also directed the preparation of an Assessment Roll, and authorized a public hearing and the provision of related notice, both published and mailed.

In order to impose nuisance abatement assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, the Ordinance requires the City Commission to adopt an annual resolution approving a non-ad valorem tax roll for nuisance abatement assessments for the upcoming Fiscal Year, after hearing comments and objections of all interested parties at the required public hearing.

The updated Assessment Roll has been made available in the City Clerk's office for inspection by the public, as required. The notice of a public hearing has been published and mailed as required to provide notice to all interested persons of the opportunity to be heard.

The last step is the approval of the annual (final) resolution upon holding the public hearing and taking into account any comments and objections from interested persons. The assessment roll must be certified to the Broward County Tax Collector by September 15th.

The preliminary roll has been updated to reflect subsequent collections reducing the assessment roll from \$44,891.07 to \$32,822.41. Property owners who pay their assessments between now and when the annual property tax bills are issued will be removed from the roll which currently consist of 89 remedial actions taken.

Fiscal Impact:

The City is expected to receive revenue up to \$32,822.41 from the nuisance abatement special assessments. FY 2021 collections to date for nuisance abatement assessments are approximately \$50,000. The proposed budget for FY 2022 is \$40,000, which remains the same compared to the adopted FY 2021 budget.

Recommended for inclusion on the agenda by:

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