



Legislation Text

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Alachua County Tax Collector - Reduction of Cost Lien (B)

The Alachua County Tax Collector, Mr. Von Fraser, submitted a request to the City of Gainesville via the Code Enforcement Division to reduce an administrative cost lien the city levied against parcel #10733-051-000. The subject parcel is located at 825 NE 19th Street and the owner of record is William Sparrow "Heirs." In 2005, the Code Enforcement Division razed the structure that was on the property under Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances. The abatement of the structure was completed using General fund dollars allocated to the dangerous building abatement program. The cost of the abatement remained unpaid by the property owner and a lien for the cost of the abatement was placed on the property. The lien in this situation differs from a Code Enforcement Board lien which is a lien placed on a property for the amount of a fine imposed by the Code Enforcement Board. In this case the lien is an administrative lien which was placed on the property to recover the General fund dollars used to abate the nuisance on the property.

The lien on 825 NE 19th Street is \$4,136.90. Mr. Fraser has indicated that the property owner adjacent to the subject parcel is willing to acquire the property if the city's lien is reduced by \$2,000. A reduction or rescission of an administrative lien is contrary to past practice due to the fact that the lien is in place to seek reimbursement of General fund dollars used to correct a property owner's violation of a city ordinance.

The lien in place on parcel #10733-051-000 is an administrative cost lien to reimburse the city for the abatement of a dangerous building. \$4,136.90 of the city's General fund was used to complete the abatement and if the Tax Collector's request is granted, \$2,136.90 will be reimbursed to the city's General fund.

The City Commission: 1) receive a request from the Alachua County Tax Collector for the reduction of the administrative lien placed on parcel #10733-051-000; and 2) deny the request.

Alternative Recommendation

The City Commission: 1) receive a request from the Alachua County Tax Collector for the reduction of the administrative lien placed on parcel #10733-051-000; and 2) approve the request.