



Legislation Text

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Request to Release Lien at 421 SE 13th Street (B)

This item is a request for the City Commission to consider a request for a lien reduction or rescission for 421 SE 13th St. The property was found in violation of City Ordinances of a Blight Inducing Materials, Abandoned Vehicles and Hazardous Conditions. A lien was placed on this property that accumulated to \$28,275 plus administrative costs of \$101.65.

On January 21, 2020, Bank of America NA took possession of the property via foreclosure sale. Julie Lindley, representing Bank of American, requested Reduction/Rescission of the lien. On September 20, 2021, Pete Backhaus, Neighborhood Enhancement Manager, spoke with Liana Smith, Esquire, by phone to discuss the case. Since the bank did not own the property at the time of the violation, a recession of the total fines was requested so that the property can be sold. Pete Backhaus brought up the detriment of the neighborhood caused by the neglect and suggested reducing the fine amount to \$2,000, which was agreed to by Bank of America.

A Reduction/Rescission hearing was held on October 14, 2021 before the Special Magistrate. Based on information presented, the Magistrate recommended the remaining amount of the lien be reduced to \$2,000. The administrative costs of the lien have been paid separately and resolved.

Strategic Connection:

Goal 3 of the City Commission's Strategic Plan Concerns making Gainesville a great place to live and experience.

The current lien amounts total \$28,275. The City has accrued \$101.65 in administrative costs.

The City Commission accept the Magistrate's ruling and Staff's recommendation and reduce the lien to \$2,000 and authorize the City Mayor to execute a release of lien.