



## Legislation Text

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### **Request to Release Lien at 2509 NE 11<sup>th</sup> Place (B)**

This item is a request for the City Commission to consider a request for a lien reduction or rescission for 2509 NE 11<sup>th</sup> Pl. The property was found in violation of City Ordinances of A Dead or Hazardous Tree. Liens were placed on this property that accumulated to \$16,100 plus administrative costs of \$104.80.

On September 14, 2021, Oved Ashkenazi, representing Double O Investments, LLC, requested a reduction/rescission of the accumulated fines. He spoke with Andrew Persons and Pete Backhaus by phone to discuss the case.

Mr. Ashkenazi advised that the property was rented for four years until the tenant was evicted for non-payment. The structure sat vacant and became a drug dwelling and was vandalized. Mr. Ashkenazi tried to sell the property and found the outstanding lien. He lives in Miami, Florida and cannot maintain the property and wishes to sell it.

The administrative costs of \$1,154.80 have been paid and the property is in compliance with City Ordinances.

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 \$1,000 and that \$1,000 payment be made within 30-days from the Hearing on October 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 \$16,100. The City has accrued \$104.80 in administrative costs.

The City Commission reject the Magistrate's ruling and grant Staff's recommendation that the fines not be reduced due to this property being problematic for the neighborhood, generating illegal activity and police calls for service.