



Legislation Text

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Request to Release Lien at 118 SE 24th St. (B)

This item is a request for the City Commission to consider a lien reduction or rescission for 118 SE 24th St.

On March 30, 2018, a Notice of Violation was issued for Sec. 13-171(g) Yard Maintenance for an Overgrown Vacant Property and Sec. 13-171 (b) Outdoor Storage and Trash. As the violation was not corrected, the case was heard on September 3, 2018 by the Special Magistrate and a guilty verdict was obtained, with the violation to be corrected by October 4, 2018 or a fine of \$50 a day be assessed plus administrative costs of \$115.51 (paid). The violation was not corrected and fines ran until August 3, 2021 when compliance was achieved by demolition, accumulating a total of \$51,750. On April 27, 2021; a Notice of Violation was issued for Sec. 16-19 Dangerous Buildings due to the structures degrading, as a result of fire and neglect. As the violation was not corrected, the structures were demolished on September 2, 2021 and the property cleaned by the City Contractor. Costs for the demolition totaled \$7,547.30.

Mr. Vernon Robinson requested a reduction/rescission of the accumulated fines and costs. He met with Sustainable Development Director, Andrew Persons and Pete Backhaus, Neighborhood Enhancement Manager to discuss the violation and remedy. Mr. Robinson advised that he was attempting to sell the property and the sale fell through because of the outstanding liens. He stated that he and his family members have health issues that did not allow them to maintain the property and that they do not have the money to pay the outstanding costs. He indicated he currently has a contract to sell the property.

A Reduction/Rescission hearing was held on December 9, 2021 before the Special Magistrate. Based on information presented, the Magistrate recommended the remaining amount of the lien not be reduced due to the costs of the demolition not being paid.

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 \$51,750 and the Costs for Demolition of \$7,547.30. The City has recovered \$115.51 in administrative costs.

Based on the violations not being corrected until the demolition of the structures on the property by the City and the costs associated with the demolition not being paid, the City recommends no reductions of the liens, fines or costs.