



## Legislation Text

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### **Request to Release Lien at 24 NE 20th Street**

This item is a request for the City Commission to consider a request for a lien reduction or rescission for 24 NE 20th Street. The property was found in violation of City Ordinance Sec. 13-171 Outdoor Storage and Trash. A lien was placed on this property that accumulated to \$59,775.00 (@ \$25.00 a day) plus Administrative Costs of \$79.11 (paid).

Ms. Tracey Wells requested a reduction/rescission of the accumulated fines and costs. Ms. Wells met with Pete Backhaus, Neighborhood Enhancement Manager and Sustainable Development Director, Andrew Persons to discuss the violation and remedy. Ms. Wells advised that she left the country prior to correcting the violation to care for a relative with cancer. She believes that the violation was corrected in 2015 or 2016. The lien is attached to other properties that she is attempting to sell and would like the lien resolved. After discussion, it was agreed to recommend that the fine be reduced to \$2,000.

The Administrative Costs of \$79.11 have been paid and the property is currently in compliance with City Ordinances.

A Reduction/Rescission hearing was held on November 10, 2021 before the Special Magistrate. Based on information presented, the Magistrate recommended the remaining amount of the lien be reduced to \$2,000.

#### **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 \$59,775.00. The City has recovered \$79.11 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 Manager to execute a release of lien.