



Legislation Text

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Request to Release Lien at 541 NW 34th Street

This item is a request for the City Commission to consider a request for a lien reduction or rescission for 541 NW 34th Street. The property was found in violation of City Ordinances Sec. 30-56(c) (4), Sec. 30-56(c) (4), 30-56(c) (4) (f), 30-56(c) (4) (j), failure to park on an approved area; failure to provide an unpaved driveway area with mulched, graveled or other and failure to provide a parking plan. 30-56(c) (4) (f), 30-56(c) (4) (j), failure to park on an approved area; failure to provide an unpaved driveway area with mulched, graveled or other and failure to provide a parking plan.

A lien was placed on this property that accumulated to \$33,000 plus the assessed Administrative Costs of \$70.00 (paid).

On December 20, 2021, Manager Pete Backhaus and Department of Sustainable Development Director, Andrew Persons met with Mr. Santilli via phone. Mr. Santilli advised that he attempted to implement a parking plan in 2002 but that a resident at the property was involved in a crash on NW 34th St.

When the car was towed onto the property it damaged the parking area and no inspection was done. He was going to redesign the parking into a circular drive to prevent additional crashes from occurring. Mr. Santilli advised that he thought that this was taken care of many years ago under a previous Code Enforcement Manager, but then found the lien when he recently tried to sell the property. The property is in compliance with City Ordinances.

The Administrative Costs of \$70.00 have been paid and the property is currently in compliance with City Ordinances.

A Reduction/Rescission hearing was held on January 13, 2022 before the Special Magistrate. Based on information presented, the Magistrate recommended the remaining amount of the lien be reduced to \$300.00.

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 \$33,000. The City has recovered \$70.00 in Administrative Costs.

The City Commission accept the Magistrate's ruling and recommendation and reduce the lien to \$300 and authorize the City Manager to execute a release of lien.