

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: August 20, 2024

Consent

Regular

Workshop

Public Hearing

Department: Office of Financial Management and Budget

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve a negotiated settlement offer in the amount of \$6,100 for the full satisfaction of a code enforcement lien entered against Todd R. Peterson on July 21, 2021.

Summary: On December 2, 2020, a Code Enforcement Special Magistrate (CESM) issued an order giving Todd R. Peterson until January 1, 2021 to bring the property located at 6802 Osborne Drive, Lake Worth into full code compliance. The violation imposed against the property was for storage of three commercial trucks on the property. Compliance with the CESM's Order was not timely achieved and a fine of \$50 per day was imposed. The CESM executed an order imposing a code lien against Todd R. Peterson on July 21, 2021.

The Code Enforcement Division (Code Enforcement) issued an affidavit of compliance for the property on April 22, 2024. Settlement discussions began on April 23, 2024, when the total accrued fines amounted to \$60,435.09. Ms. Natalie Kucera, the legal representative for Mr. Peterson, has agreed to pay Palm Beach County \$6,100 (10%) for full settlement of the outstanding code enforcement lien. **District 2 (SF).**

Background and Justification: Mr. Peterson purchased the property July 1998. In 2020, an anonymous complaint prompted Code Enforcement to inspect the property. From February 2020 through April 2024, Code Enforcement made eight site inspections to help resolve the violations. Mr. Peterson was not present at the hearing on December 2, 2020. Mr. Peterson faced some health challenges and listed his home for sale. Subsequently, he became aware of the property lien.

The property was sold in April 2024. The total amount of the fines is currently held in an escrow account awaiting approval of the settlement agreement by the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Peterson has agreed to pay Palm Beach County \$6,100 (10%). This property was a homestead property.

Settlement offers that reduce any debt amount due to Palm Beach County by more than \$2,500 require the approval of Board, per Countywide PPM CW-F-048.

Attachments: none

Recommended by:  7/24/2024
Department Director Date

Approved by:  7/30/24
County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues	(6,100)				
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	(6,100)				
#ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (CUMULATIVE)					

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes No
 Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes No
 Is this item using State Funds? Yes No

Budget Account No.: Fund 0001 Department 600 Unit 6241 Object 5900

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

See Memo 7/24/2024
GA 7/24 OFMB
CB 7/24

 N/A
 Contract Dev. and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

WJH
7/24/24

[Signature]

 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 N/A
 Department Director