

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: January 7, 2025

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 \$16,000 for the full satisfaction of a code compliance lien entered against Lindell H. Forbes on August 5, 2015.

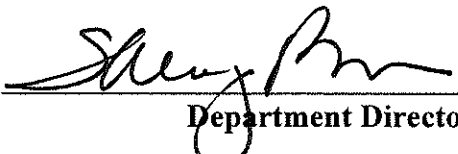
Summary: On May 6, 2015, a Code Compliance Special Magistrate (CCSM) issued an order giving Lindell H. Forbes until June 5, 2015 to bring his property located at 19743 Egret Lane, Loxahatchee Groves, Florida into full code compliance. The violation included illegal dumping of construction materials and vegetative debris. Compliance with the CCSM's order was not timely achieved, and a fine of \$50 per day was imposed. The CCSM executed an order imposing a code lien against Lindell H. Forbes on August 5, 2015.


The Code Compliance Division (Code Compliance) issued an affidavit of compliance for the property stating the violations were corrected as of May 31, 2017. The total fine amount on August 20, 2024, the date on which settlement discussions began, amounted to \$36,344.87. Lindell H. Forbes has agreed to pay Palm Beach County \$16,000 (44%) for the full settlement of the outstanding code compliance lien. **District 6 (SF)**

Background and Justification: Mr. Forbes acquired the lot in May of 2002 to build a home. In August of 2014, Code Compliance received a complaint stating the property owner of 19742 Egret Lane was dumping trash onto an adjacent lot, which belonged to Mr. Forbes. Code Compliance visited the site and found the lot was being used as a dumpster. Code Compliance mailed multiple letters to Mr. Forbes utilizing the address on file, but they were all returned undeliverable. Around May of 2015, Mr. Forbes contacted Code Compliance and informed staff that he was residing in Illinois but would cure the violations. Mr. Forbes did not attend the hearing and was given 30 days to correct the violations. He spent a significant amount of money to clean the property and has maintained it ever since. Due to health challenges, he is no longer able to build on the lot and wants to sell it. Mr. Forbes has hired the Law Office of Denzle G. Latty, P.A. to represent him in the settlement negotiation and has agreed to pay Palm Beach County \$16,000. This is not a homestead property.

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

Attachments: None

Recommended by:  11/25/2024
Department Director Date

Approved by:  12/11/24
County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

| Fiscal Years | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 |
|--|----------|------|------|------|------|
| Capital Expenditures | | | | | |
| Operating Costs | | | | | |
| External Revenues | (16,000) | | | | |
| Program Income (County) | | | | | |
| In-Kind Match(County) | | | | | |
| NET FISCAL IMPACT | (16,000) | | | | |
| #ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (CUMULATIVE) | | | | | |

Is item included in Current Budget? Yes No
 Is this item using 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:

Lisa M. [Signature] 11/26/2024
 CB 11/20 OFMB QA 11/26
 _____ N/A
 Contract Dev. and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

[Signature] 11/25/24

 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 N/A
 Department Director

(This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment)