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CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH

TO: HON. MAYOR, CHAIRPERSON, AND CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH: JONATHAN EVANS, MPA, MBA, ICMA-CM, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: CODE COMPLIANCE CHAPTER REPEAL AND REPLACEMENT

DATE: JULY 7, 2021

CC: GENERAL PUBLIC

Background:

The City's desire is to strengthen and streamline the code compliance process in order to improve neighborhoods and property values. The subject Ordinance will repeal the existing code compliance process and replace it with a revised system that is focused on new notification procedures and timeframes, as well as the procedures associated with full and partial lien releases for homestead and non-homestead properties. As such, a companion Resolution will establish code compliance administrative fees, application fees for lien reductions and releases, in addition to the creation of a "Property Improvement" account in the near future.

The City Council had historically workshopped the subject Code Compliance Ordinance Amendment proposal during two previous City Council Meetings that were held on January 11, 2020 and February 5, 2020. In response to Council's directions given during both meetings, at this time, staff is providing the first reading of this Ordinance for City Council consideration. Further, the previously mentioned companion Resolution to adopt the associated fee schedule is anticipated to be presented to the Council at the same meeting as the second reading of the subject Ordinance.

The recommended Property Improvement Program will receive five percent (5%) of code compliance violations. The monies received, will be reinvested into the community by way of property improvement grants, neighborhood beautification initiatives, and similar programs that will be established by the City in the future. Potential eligible activities will include, but are not limited to: yard improvements, house painting, and minor structural improvements.

Citywide Goal:

The Citywide Goal is to Build Great Neighborhoods.

Budget/Fiscal Impact:

There are no immediate fiscal or budget impacts associated with this Item.

Recommendation(s):

City staff recommends that the City Council approves the respective Ordinance.

Attachment(s):

1. Code Compliance Ordinance
2. Memo to City Council - February 5, 2020
3. Memo to City Council - January 11, 2020
4. Previous Staff Presentation