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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 - FEE SCHEDULE

DATE: AUGUST 4, 2021

CC: GENERAL PUBLIC

Background:

The City's desire is to improve neighborhoods as well as property values through strengthening and streamlining the code compliance process. Thereby, at the July 21, 2021 Council meeting, Ordinance No. 4172 passed, which repealed and replaced Article IV, Division 2 of City Codes which related to the code compliance process.

At this time, staff is presenting this companion item which requests Council's consideration to establish code compliance administrative fees and application fees for lien reductions and releases. In concert, Council is also being asked to consider certain proposed administrative and operational guidelines that will support the creation of a Property Improvement Program as well as an adjoining budgeted account. The account will be used to collect monies realized as a result of non-compliance penalties.

The proposed Property Improvement Program will receive five percent (5%) of any property maintenance code violation. The monies collected, will be reinvested into the community through the use of property improvement grants and neighborhood beautification initiatives. Potential activities eligible for funding may include, but are not limited to: landscaping improvements, house painting, and minor structural improvements. Is this only for residential properties or commercial as well? Is it only property maintenance code violations or any code violation? Is Property Improvement Program already in place or is it being proposed?

To implement the Program, the Development Services Department will establish criteria to

select a committee, create an application form, and develop standards governing the distribution of such funds.

It is anticipated that in the near future, staff will have completed its research and compilation of such data and information and will then present the details to the Council for its review and consideration. At minimum, eligible residential properties must be homesteaded and the owner must demonstrate financial need. These funds will be reserved for private property beautification assistance, not projects in City Rights-of-Way or City properties.

Citywide Goal:

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 approve this resolution.

Attachment(s):

1. Code Compliance Fees Resolution