



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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August 2, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution directing the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller to include, on the 2005-06 Secured Tax Roll, certain assessments made pursuant to the provisions of the Long Beach Municipal Code for building abatement in the amount of \$50,526. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION:

Chapters 18.04 and 18.20 of the Long Beach Municipal Code authorize the City's Building Official to demolish, following the appropriate hearings, any substandard building or structure, which constitutes a public nuisance. All expenses incurred by the City in connection with the removal, securing of buildings or demolition are charged to, and become an indebtedness of, the property owner.

Property owners are notified to pay these expenses. If payment is not received within 60 days, the bill becomes delinquent and interest begins to accrue at the rate of 12 percent. Owners may appeal the charges within 30 days of notification. If the amount, as determined by the Board of Examiners, Appeals and Condemnation, is not paid within 30 days, the bill once again becomes delinquent and interest begins to accrue at the rate of 12 percent. Attached is a Resolution to allow the City to collect delinquent demolition charges, incidental enforcement charges, interest, and a lien transfer charge from owners through their property tax bill for properties demolished and/or buildings secured during July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Interest has been added from the delinquency date through June 30, 2005.

Upon approval by the City Council, the Director of Financial Management will forward the attached Resolution and the prescribed reporting forms to the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller, Tax Division, for incorporation into the 2005-06 County Secured Tax Roll.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney J. Charles Parkin on July 25, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on July 20, 2005.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is requested on August 2, 2005, as the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller requires the receipt of the authorized lien assessment by July 31, 2005, or shortly thereafter.

FISCAL IMPACT

Delinquent demolition charges, in the amount of \$50,526, are being assessed against the two listed properties (Exhibit A of Resolution). The County will be requested to collect these costs with the annual property taxes for deposit into the General Fund (GP) in the in the Department of Community Development (CD) as reimbursement for Code Enforcement expenses.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



MICHAEL A. KILLEBREW
DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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ATTACHMENT

APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER