



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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July 11, 2006

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 2006-07 Secured Tax Roll, certain levies made pursuant to the provisions of the Long Beach Municipal Code for weed and/or debris removal in the amount of \$7,193.63. (Districts 1, 2, 8)

## DISCUSSION

Chapter 8.56 of the Long Beach Municipal Code sets forth procedures for notifying property owners to clean their vacant lots of weeds and/or debris. If the owner fails to remove the weeds or debris within the time stated following notification, or if appealed by order of the Board of Examiners, Appeals and Condemnation (BEAC), the City is authorized to clean the lot and assess a levy.

The City Code Enforcement Division's Building Official computes and records costs of removing weeds and/or debris from each parcel. Property owners are notified to pay these expenses. The owner may appeal the charges within 15 days of the bill. If the amount, as determined by the BEAC, is not paid within 30 days, the bill becomes delinquent and interest begins to accrue.

The attached Resolution allows the City to collect delinquent weed removal charges, incidental enforcement costs, interest, and a lien transfer charge from the owners through their property tax bills for properties cleaned during July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Interest accrues at the rate of 12 percent from the delinquency date through June 30, 2006.

Upon approval by the City Council, the Director of Financial Management will forward the authorizing Resolution and the prescribed reporting forms to the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller, Tax Division, for incorporation into the 2006-07 County Secured Tax Roll.

This matter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Michael J. Mais on June 29, 2006, and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on June 28, 2006.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is requested on July 11, 2006, as the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller requires receipt of the authorized lien assessment on July 31, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT

Cleaning charges and interest in the amount of \$7,193.63 were levied against the three 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). These revenues are used for code enforcement related activities undertaken by the Code Enforcement Division in the Department of Community Development (CD).

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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ATTACHMENT

APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER