



# 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 building abatement in the amount of \$2,006.94. (District 9)

**DISCUSSION**

Chapters 18.04 and 18.20 of the Long Beach Municipal Code authorize the City's Superintendent of Building and Safety 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.

The City Code Enforcement Division's Building Official computes and records the cost of securing, demolishing and/or clearing of buildings on each parcel. 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. 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.

The attached Resolution allows the City to collect delinquent demolition charges, incidental enforcement charges, interest, and a lien transfer charge from the owners through their property tax bill for properties demolished and/or buildings secured 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 attached 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 the receipt of the authorized lien assessment by July 31, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT

Delinquent demolition charges, in the amount of \$2,006.94, are being levied against the one listed property (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:



GERALD R. MILLER  
CITY MANAGER