



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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August 3, 2004

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

SUBJECT: Resolution for the Assessment and Collection of Delinquent Demolition Charges (Districts 1 and 8)

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.

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, 2003 through June 30, 2004. Interest has been added from the delinquency date through June 30, 2004.

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 2004-05 County Secured Tax Roll.

This matter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Michael Mais on July 22, 2004, and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on July 20, 2004.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is requested on August 3, 2004, as the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller requires the receipt of the authorized lien assessment by July 31, 2004 or shortly thereafter.

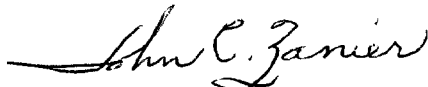
FISCAL IMPACT

Delinquent demolition charges, in the amount of \$8,850, are being assessed against the four 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 Department of Planning and Building (PB).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Adopt the attached Resolution directing the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller to include, on the 2004-05 Secured Tax Roll, certain assessments made pursuant to the provisions of the Long Beach Municipal Code for building abatement in the amount of \$8,850.

Respectfully submitted,



for

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ACTING DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER

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Attachment