

# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

# C-10

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July 10, 2007

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 2007-08 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 \$6,869.05. (Districts 1 & 5)

## 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, 2006 through June 30, 2007. Interest accrues at the rate of 12 percent from the delinquency date through June 30, 2007.

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 2007-08 County Secured Tax Roll.

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This matter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Michael J. Mais on June 27, 2007, and Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on June 28, 2007.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is requested on July 10, 2007, as the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller requires receipt of the authorized lien assessment on July 31, 2007.

FISCAL IMPACT

Cleaning charges and interest in the amount of \$6,869.05 were levied 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). 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,



MICHAEL A. KILLEBREW  
DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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ATTACHMENT

APPROVED:



CHRISTINE F. SHIPPEY  
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

1 RESOLUTION NO.

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH DIRECTING THE LOS ANGELES  
5 COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO INCLUDE ON THE  
6 2007-2008 REAL AND SECURED TAX ROLL CERTAIN  
7 ASSESSMENTS MADE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS  
8 OF THE LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE FOR REMOVING  
9 WEEDS AND DEBRIS (LOT CLEANING CHARGES)

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11 WHEREAS, Section 8.56 of the Long Beach Municipal Code provides a  
12 system for levy and collection to cover the cost of removing weeds and debris by the City  
13 from privately owned real property; and

14 WHEREAS, the City's Building Official is required to certify to the City  
15 Treasurer-Tax Collector the amount of the unpaid lot cleaning charges and interest for  
16 delinquency; and

17 WHEREAS, the City's Building Official has certified to the City Treasurer-  
18 Tax Collector unpaid lot cleaning charges and interest for delinquency which should be  
19 entered upon the real and secured tax roll;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as  
21 follows:

22 Section 1. The County Auditor-Controller be, and he is hereby authorized  
23 and requested to include on the 2007-2008 real and secured tax roll the delinquent  
24 assessment charges, and penalties, if any, for each of the described pieces of property  
25 set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof. The county parcel  
26 number and the total unpaid assessment, together with interest thereon, and the situs  
27 address of the property is set forth in Exhibit "A." Only the amount set forth in the third  
28 column entitled "Amount" should be entered as charges due the City of Long Beach on

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1 the real property to which the amount refers. The County Auditor-Controller is directed to  
2 collect said charges in the same manner as ad valorem taxes.

3 Section 2. The Director of Financial Management is directed to transmit  
4 to the County Auditor-Controller a certified copy thereof on or before July 31, 2007.

5 Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption  
6 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

7 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City  
8 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ by the  
9 following vote:

10 Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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14 Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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16 Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk

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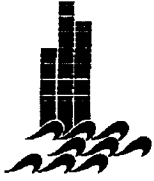
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**TAX LIEN FOR THE REAL AND SECURED ASSESSMENT ROLL  
(FOR WEED ABATEMENT)  
JULY 1, 2006 TO JUNE 30, 2007**

<u>TRA NO.</u>	<u>Assessor's Parcel No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Situs Address</u>	<u>Council District</u>
5736	7187-008-005	\$ 1,796.06	5621 Monlaco Rd.	5
5752	7268-014-007	5,072.99	1365 Lewis Ave.	1

**GRAND TOTAL = \$ 6,869.05**

DJS:TSS:GSB:ead  
(County:LienTransfer07)

**Exhibit "A"**