



Agenda Item Summary

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Meeting Date: 2/12/2019

PLACEMENT: Consent

TITLE:

REQUEST FOR FINE REDUCTION STIPULATION AND AGREED RECOMMENDED ORDER REGARDING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT CASE OF DEAKIN INVESTMENTS LLC

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1.98.B, General Ordinance, Martin County Code, the Board of County Commissioners is asked to consider approval of a Fine Reduction and Agreed Recommended Order regarding the Code Enforcement case of Deakin Investments, LLC.

DEPARTMENT: Building

PREPARED BY: **Name:** Dawn Matias
Title: Business Operations Manager

REQUESTED BY: Deakin Investments, LLC

PRESET:

PROCEDURES: None

BACKGROUND/RELATED STRATEGIC GOAL:

A. Code Enforcement Statistics - Fiscal Year 2017

During fiscal year 2017, the Code Enforcement Division responded to approximately 7,231 Requests for Service (Investigations) of which approximately 97.8% (7,073) were resolved prior to the close of the fiscal year. Over this same period of time, the Code Enforcement Division resolved a total of 7,424 Code Enforcement cases.

Of the 7,231 code enforcement investigations, 4,045 of these investigations were directly related to alleged violations of the Martin County Code(s). Over the course of the fiscal year, the Magistrate ultimately issued compliance orders which could result in an accruing fine/lien upon property for 77 of the code enforcement actions.

During fiscal year 2017 a total of 15 fine reduction recommendations were forwarded from the Code Enforcement Magistrate to the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Martin County Code and the average fine reduction equated to approximately 7.15% of the face value of the fine.

B. Deakin Investments, LLC Fine Reduction Request:

The attached Fine Reduction Stipulation and Agreed Recommended Order involves property located at 5826 SE Inez Avenue, Stuart, Martin County.

On December 16, 2015, the Code Enforcement Magistrate entered into an Order Finding Violation against Deakin Investments, LLC for violation of Section 67.201A Nuisance Declare3d: Weeds, Undergrowth, and Section 21.99 Accessory Structures under General Ordinances, Martin County. An Affidavit of Compliance with Fines was recorded on December 5, 2018 in Official Records book 3030 page 141 with a total amount of \$198,375.00 in fines.

Staff has determined that a lien reduction is warranted. The respondents offered to pay \$1,000.00 to resolve the outstanding fine which has accrued. The respondents have also paid the outstanding hard cost lien for the demolition of the structure on the property in the amount of \$8,673.57. The current value of the property is listed at \$27,000.00 per the Martin County Property Appraiser's website.

ISSUES:

None

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY REVIEW:

None

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECOMMENDATION

Move that the Board accept the Magistrate's recommendation that the lien on the property be reduced to \$1,000.00 and accepted as full payment.

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Pull this item from the Consent Agenda.
Provide staff with further directions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

RECOMMENDATION

None

Funding Source	County Funds	Non-County Funds
Subtotal		
Project Total		

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:

- ☐ Budget Transfer / Amendment ☐ Chair Letter ☐ Contract / Agreement
☐ Grant / Application ☐ Notice ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution
☐ Other:

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