

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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**SUBJECT:** Approval of Waiver of Fines and Release of Lien for Hope Demons for Parcel  
D30A421 (Staff Recommends Approval).

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Staff Recommends Approval

**Meeting Type:** Regular Meeting

**DATE OF MEETING:** 5/9/2023

**CONTRACT:**  N/A

Vendor/Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Termination Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Managing Division / Dept: Administrative Services

**BUDGET IMPACT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FUNDING SOURCE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type:** N/A

**EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:**

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A code enforcement lien was filed against this property on January 11, 2023, in which the property owner at the time was Hope Demons. The property was found in compliance on April 11, 2023. Staff costs in the amount of \$520.98 have now been paid. Hope Demons has had 32 code enforcement cases across 12 properties. Of the 32 total cases, 23 cases achieved pre-hearing compliance, while 9 cases went to hearing. Of the 9 cases that went to hearing, three have had a lien placed on the property. Ms. Demons has also had 4 code enforcement cases in the last year in which all 4 went to hearing. The County Attorney has been working with Ms. Demons' attorney to resolve these cases. All cases have been brought into compliance, and staff costs have been paid.

Owner Name – Hope Demons

Property Addresses – 3615 CR 230, Wildwood, FL 34785

Parcel – D30A421

Original Hearing Date – August 25, 2022

Date Found In Compliance – April 11, 2023

Staff Costs Paid - \$520.98

Staff Costs Due - \$0.00

Total Lien Amount - \$4,225

Daily Fine Amount - \$25.00

Total Amount of Days in Violation – 169

Code Compliance ensures property values are maintained by assisting property owners in complying with health, safety, and welfare standards. Periodically, liens are placed on property to support the compliance process. The purpose of the lien is not to generate funds for the county; therefore, once property is brought into compliance, the actual costs incurred by Code Compliance are collected, and the balance of the lien amount is requested to be released.

The lien amount figure is calculated by multiplying the daily fine amount (established by the Special Master) by the total number of days the property remains in violation. Staff costs are calculated by adding the number of inspections performed during the code case, all actual costs of postage, and an administrative cost.

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**Pro-Writing Aid Check**