

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Approval of Waiver of Fines and Release of Lien for Hope Demons for Parcel D30A089 (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:

A code enforcement lien was filed against this property on January 31, 2019, in which the property owner at the time was Hope Demons. The property was found in compliance on December 8, 2021. Staff costs in the amount of \$5,864.86 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, one of which has been resolved and released. 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 – 3666 CR 230, Wildwood, FL 34785
Parcel – D30A089
Original Hearing Date – September 27, 2018
Date Found In Compliance – December 8, 2021
Staff Costs Paid - \$5,864.86
Staff Costs Due - \$0.00
Total Lien Amount - \$25,425.00
Daily Fine Amount - \$25.00
Total Amount of Days in Violation – 1,017

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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