

MEETING DATE: 7/26/2017

TITLE:

Assessment of Special Assessments Against Properties for Nuisance Abatement Costs

FROM:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution confirming assessments against various property owners for nuisance abatement costs and providing for collection.

BACKGROUND:

The Code Compliance Division identified 14 properties to be abated (please note: one of these properties was abated multiple times). In each case the property owner was either notified as required by Section 13.90.070 or Section 6.18.100 of the Cathedral City Municipal Code of the existence of a public nuisance. In all cases where the owners failed or were unable to comply, the City has been forced to hire private contractors to do the necessary abatement work. All costs incurred by the City have been billed to the property owners. In each case where payment has not been made, the City will place an assessment of the costs on the tax rolls for payment at the time of property tax collection.

DISCUSSION:

The total dollar amount still outstanding on the abatement work the City performed is \$11,340.00. The costs, shown on Exhibit A, are to be collected along with the fees charged for staff time spent on performing the necessary abatement work. This work included time spent processing the necessary paperwork, inspections of the properties, and the cost of materials. The combined amount charged for these fees is \$3,052.35. A total overall amount to be recovered by the City is \$14,392.35.

The City Council has the ability to adjust or waive any costs of fees; however, the City would then have to incur the expense which would need to be repaid from another source.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Recommended action will have no adverse financial impact on the City.

ATTACHMENTS:
Proposed Resolution