



Legislation Text

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TITLE

Consideration of Settlement Offer to Compromise Outstanding Unsafe Building Abatement Lien Against 16369 Seminole Boulevard

BRIEF OVERVIEW

On July 15, 2005, an Unsafe Building Abatement Lien was recorded in Book 2063, Page 275 of the Official Records of Hernando County, Florida against 16369 Seminole Boulevard (Key 858913) owned at the time by Mary Cobb. Said lien was in the amount of \$4,288.84. Property taxes were not paid on the lot and the parcel escheated to Hernando County. When the current owner, Richard S. Doyle, acquired the property via tax deed on October 25, 2019, the lien survived and has been accruing interest since 2005.

On November 3, 2023, Mr. Doyle proposed paying the principal amount of the lien in full in exchange for the Board's waiver of the interest due on the principal so the parcel can be sold.

Should the Board vote to accept the offer, the Building Department will accept the \$4,288.84 to pay the principal amount due and the Clerk's Finance Division will be directed to issue Mr. Doyle a United States Internal Revenue Service Form 1099 in the amount of the total interest that would be forgiven (\$14,217.47 through December 31, 2023). Once the lien is paid and the 1099 issued, a Satisfaction of Lien would be recorded.

Neither the Board nor staff will need to take any further action if the Board votes to decline Mr. Doyle's settlement offer.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

LEGAL NOTE

The Board is authorized to act on this matter pursuant to Chapter 125, Florida Statutes.

RECOMMENDATION

This agenda item presents purely a public policy matter, and the Board should determine whether or not it wishes to accept the settlement offer with the terms outlined above. If the request is granted, however, it is recommended that the Board authorize the County Attorney to prepare and sign a Satisfaction of Lien which would be recorded only after payment of the principal amount due.