

**City of Tamarac**  
**Interoffice Memorandum**  
**Financial Services Department**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION**

**To: Michael C. Cernech, City Manager**  
**From: Christine Cajuste, Interim Director Financial Services**  
**Date: June 25, 2020**  
**Re: FY 2021 Nuisance Abatement Special Assessments – TR #13437**

**Recommendation:**

The Director of Financial Services recommends that TR# 13437 Nuisance Abatement Special Assessment be placed on the agenda for July 8, 2020 for approval.

**Issue:**

On May 9, 2012, the City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2012-10 providing for the home rule authority of the City to impose Special Assessments against Residential property within the City for costs expended in cleaning up a property that meet the definition of a Public Nuisance.

**Background:**

The City of Tamarac expends funds to abate public nuisances on a regular basis. The City generally recovers the funds expended by placing a lien on the property pursuant to Chapter 162 F.S.

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Between June 1, 2019 and May 31, 2020, the Code Enforcement Division of the Department of Community Development abated public nuisances on seven (7) properties at a cost of \$2,900.00. City staff complied with the terms and conditions of the Ordinance, including all notices and collection efforts set forth therein.

This assessment is an equitable and efficient method of collecting the costs expended by the City of Tamarac to abate public nuisances on the property. This resolution constitutes the preliminary assessment resolution initiating the process for developing the Nuisance Abatement Special Assessment Roll and directs the imposition of a Nuisance Abatement Assessment for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020.

In order to impose the Nuisance Abatement Special Assessment, the ordinance requires the City Commission to adopt an assessment resolution when fees are outstanding as of June 1 each fiscal year which occurs during its budget adoption process.

The Resolution establishes and approves the assessment roll for the upcoming fiscal year with such amendments as the City Commission deems appropriate after hearing comments from all interested parties. Accordingly, an updated assessment roll must be made available for inspection by the public and a notice of public hearing must be published and mailed as required by the terms of the Ordinance providing notice to all interested persons of an opportunity to be heard. TR #13437 establishes these functions and sets the public hearing date for September 14, 2020 at 5:05 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers and coincides with the first public hearing of the FY 2021 Millage Rate and Budget.

The total amount of the assessment is \$5,051.68 and includes the Broward County Property Appraiser fee, the Tax Collector Fee, an administrative fee to develop the assessment, and a gross up for the discounts authorized by Florida Statutes when paid early.

**Fiscal Impact:**

This assessment sets individual fees against real property in the City for the cost of abating public nuisances by the City of Tamarac. The Nuisance Abatement Special Assessment will provide estimated gross revenue in the amount of \$5,051.68.

After approval of the final assessment resolution, the non-ad valorem assessment roll will be certified and sent to the Tax Collector.