

City of Greenacres
Council Agenda Memo
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TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Andrea McCue, City Manager

FROM: Thomas A. Hughes, Director of Finance

SUBJECT: Imposition of Liens on Residential Properties for Non-Payment of Solid Waste Bills (Resolution 2016-11)

DATE: March 16, 2016

COPIES: James Stokes, City Attorney
Denise McGrew, City Clerk

BACKGROUND:

The City of Greenacres bills its residential properties for solid waste collection services on a semi-annual basis. Section 15-26, City of Greenacres Code, provides for the mandatory pickup for residential property to be billed to the owner of record. Section 15-30 of the City Code provides for the recording of liens against property for solid waste collection accounts that become delinquent.

ANALYSIS:

It has been City practice to file liens against residential properties when they are delinquent more than two semi-annual billing periods (over one year delinquent). This provides the City a status as a secured creditor on the property and has proven successful in assisting the collection process. Lien amounts are then updated annually for those accounts that continue to be seriously delinquent. If a property is over two years delinquent, it is placed in foreclosure status to assure collection of amounts owed. Failure to collect on these delinquent accounts would raise the cost of solid waste service to the vast majority of city property owners who do pay on a timely basis.

FINANCIAL :

Resolution 2016-11 proposes the imposition of liens on 248 properties for a total of \$54,822.06.

LEGAL:

The resolution has been prepared in accordance with applicable City Code requirements.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of Resolution 2016-11.

Thomas A. Hughes
Director of Finance