

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** Initiates foreclosure action on four properties for the collection of delinquent City liens. (Ordinance)

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### **Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

This ordinance begins foreclosure proceedings on four properties with delinquent City liens that are eligible for foreclosure under City Code 5.30. The liens were placed against the properties by the Bureau of Development Services for code enforcement, code violations, nuisance abatement or chronic offender violations and are delinquent on their lien payments.

These properties are the second set to come before Council as part of a coordinated effort by the Mayor's Office, Bureau of Development Services, the Auditor's Office and the Office of Neighborhood Involvement to actively pursue remedies, including foreclosure, for vacant and distressed properties. These properties have been identified as causing significant problems for neighbors and are the subject of multiple and frequent police calls and numerous enforcement activities.

The Foreclosure Manager in the Auditor's Office has reviewed each case to ensure it meets criteria for foreclosure. He has also reviewed whether any aggravating or mitigating conditions exist within the case history that would prevent the City from moving forward with foreclosure or warrant an adjustment of lien amounts. Each of the properties on this foreclosure list also received notification of pending foreclosure action.

### **Financial and budgetary impacts:**

Once the City forecloses on these properties, proceeds generated by the sales will recover the cost of conducting the sales; the amount owed on liens; and collection and foreclosure costs for the Auditor's Office, the Treasurer and the Bureau of Development Services.

Based on the number and amount of the liens, as of September 13, 2016 the amount expected to be recovered is \$204,661.84. Actual cost recovery may differ.

### **Community impacts and community involvement:**

The Mayor's Office has convened work sessions and monthly meetings at which community members have spoken about the adverse neighborhood effects of having vacant, abandoned properties nearby. Such homes have problems with squatters, criminal behavior, and unsafe or unhealthy conditions. Foreclosure is one tool to resolve blight and put properties back into productive use.

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet****Does this action change appropriations?**

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