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## 121-2024

Ordinance

### Initiate foreclosure action at 6227 S Kelly Ave for the collection of delinquent City Liens placed against the property

Referred

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. Portland City Code Chapter 5.30 establishes a process for foreclosing delinquent liens on properties. The foreclosure process is generally used as a last resort, after repeated code violation fines and liens have gone unpaid.
2. Portland City Code section 5.30.100 requires the Bureau of Revenue and Financial Services, Revenue Division (Revenue) to prepare a proposed foreclosure list and submit the list to the City Council for action.
3. In November 2023, the Bureau of Development Services submitted properties it identified as priority Vacant and Distressed Properties to the Bureau of Revenue and Financial Services, Revenue Division for foreclosure consideration. The Revenue Division also reviewed its list of delinquent liens. After review and analyzes of the case, each property qualified to the foreclosure list and is being submitted to Council based on their potential to help solve public health, safety, or welfare objectives, pursuant of City Code 5.30.100. Additional consideration was given to the number of abatements, whether the property owner had multiple delinquencies and the negative impact the property was causing to the neighborhood.
4. Revenue mailed notices to the property owners and mortgagees, by certified mail with return receipts required, of pending foreclosure action on the property between December 22, and January 23, 2024, as required by Portland City Code section 5.30.050 (D).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

Introduced by

[Mayor Ted Wheeler](#)

Bureau

[Management and Finance;  
Revenue Division](#)

Contact

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Manager (Coordinator III)

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Include property address in the subject line of emails.

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Monday - Friday 7:30am -  
4:30pm

Requested Agenda Type

Regular

Date and Time Information

**Requested Council Date**


February 7, 2024


**Time Requested**

30 minutes (4 of 10)

- A. The City Council approves Foreclosure List 2024-01, as attached as Exhibit A, and directs the City Treasurer to begin foreclosure proceedings to sell the following property:
1. 6227 S Kelly Ave, Laurence R Lindstrom, owners of record. Tax no. R781203780.
- B. The City Council accepts the Foreclosure Report, attached as Exhibit B.
- C. Pursuant to Portland City Code Chapter 5.30 and 5.30.210, the owner or any person having an interest in the property, or their legal representative, may redeem the property by paying the redemption price to the City Treasurer at anytime within one year from the date of the foreclosure sale.

## Documents and Exhibits

 [Exhibit A \(https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/council-documents/2024/exhibit-a-4-r273706.pdf\)](https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/council-documents/2024/exhibit-a-4-r273706.pdf) 78.05 KB

 [Exhibit B \(https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/council-documents/2024/exhibit-b-4-r273706.pdf\)](https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/council-documents/2024/exhibit-b-4-r273706.pdf) 257.34 KB

## Impact Statement

### Purpose of Proposed Legislation and Background Information

This ordinance begins foreclosure proceedings on one property 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, or nuisance abatement. All the liens are delinquent, and the violations have not been corrected.

This property comes before Council as part of a coordinated effort by the Mayor's Office, Bureau of Development Services and Office of Management and Finance's, Bureau of Revenue and Financial Services, Revenue Division to actively pursue remedies, including foreclosure, for vacant and distressed properties. This property has been identified as causing significant problems for neighbors and are the subject of multiple and frequent police calls and numerous enforcement activities.

The Foreclosure Prevention Manager in the Revenue Division has reviewed each case to ensure it meets criteria for foreclosure. The Foreclosure Prevention Manager 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 has received notification of pending foreclosure action.

## Financial and Budgetary Impacts

Once the City forecloses on this property, proceeds generated by the sale will recover the cost of conducting the sale, the amount owed on liens, and collection and foreclosure costs for the Revenue Division, the City Treasurer, and the Bureau of Development Services.

Based on the number and amount of the liens, as of January 19, 2024, the amount expected to be recovered is \$225,572.56. Actual cost recovery may differ.

There is not a budgetary impact.

## Community Impacts and Community Involvement

This property has presented major problems for the neighbors and neighborhoods in the community. Problems include criminal behavior, unlawful occupants, and unsafe and/or unhealthy conditions. Foreclosure is being employed as one of the tools available to the City to resolve blight and put properties back into productive use.

## 100% Renewable Goal

Not applicable.

## Budget Office Financial Impact Analysis

This action initiates foreclosure proceedings at 6227 S Kelly Ave for the collection of delinquent City Liens. OMF - Revenue estimates the amount expected to be recovered is \$225,572.56 with potential fluctuations in actual cost recovery. No additional resources are required as a result of this action.

## Agenda Items

121 Regular Agenda in [February 7, 2024 Council Agenda](https://www.portland.gov/council/agenda/2024/2/7)  
(<https://www.portland.gov/council/agenda/2024/2/7>)

Referred to Commissioner of Finance and Administration

**REPORT TO COUNCIL  
Foreclosure List 2024 - 01**

EXHIBIT A

January 31, 2024

Item	Property Owner	Tax Roll Description	Property Address	Lien Acct	Amount Owed	Tax Acct	Assessment Date	Delinquency Date	Property Type	Lien Type	No. Liens
4	Laurence R Lindstrom	SOUTHPORT; LOT 9 BLOCK 10	6227 S Kelly Ave	138202	\$ 196,492.01	R781203780	8/18/2005	10/18/2005	Residential Improved	Code Enforcement Fees	3
				157082	\$ 4,964.80	R781203780	5/10/2015	7/10/2015	Residential Improved	Nuisance	
				173293	\$ 24,115.75	R781203780	7/18/2021	9/18/2021	Residential Improved	Code Enforcement Fees	
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$225,572.56</b>						
TOTAL AMOUNT OWED AS OF January 19, 2024		\$225,572.56									
NUMBER OF PROPERTIES		1									
TOTAL NUMBER OF LIENS		3									



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## Foreclosure Recommendation Report

The Revenue Division recommends foreclosure on **6227 S Kelly Ave** for delinquent City liens. The lien accounts meet delinquency requirements for foreclosure and no mitigating factors were discovered that would prevent foreclosure or indicate that an adjustment of the lien amount is in order.

### *Summary Information*

**Site Address:** 6227 S Kelly Ave  
**Recorded Property Owner:** Laurence R. Lindstrom  
**Property ID:** R273706  
**Lien Account Numbers:** 138202, 157082 and 173293  
**Type of Liens:** Code Enforcement and Nuisance  
**Use of Property:** Vacant, Single-Family Residence  
**Amount of Delinquent Liens:** **\$225,572.56**  
**Payoff Amount Recommended:** **\$225,572.56**

### *General Information*

This property is being referred to foreclosure by the Foreclosure Prevention Manager. This property is vacant and distressed and has been identified as a priority for foreclosure. Vacant and distressed properties are nuisances to the neighborhoods where they are located. In many instances, the Police Bureau is called to disturbances at these properties frequently. Neighbors complain that many of these properties are inhabited by unlawful occupants and there are commonly drug activities taking place, which jeopardizes the public health, safety, and welfare of the neighborhood.

The majority of these properties are investment properties owned by financial institutions or absent owners who have no vested interest in the neighborhood effects such distressed properties have on the community. They are demonstrated hazards and magnets for crime. For these reasons, the Revenue Division's recommendations for these distressed and egregious properties are concise and generally maintain the amount owed as is with no recommended reduction in lien amount, except in cases where mitigating circumstances point toward improved property owner compliance with a reduced lien amount.

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***Lien Details***

Lien No.	Assessment Date	Lien Type	Balance
138202	8/18/2005	Code Enforcement	\$196,492.01
157082	5/10/2015	Nuisance	\$ 4,964.80
173293	7/18/2021	Code Enforcement	\$ 24,115.75
Total amount owed as of January 19, 2024			\$225,572.56

Please note the balance will be recalculated on the sale date.

***Property Summary***

The property has several safety violations, the front, side, and basement steps lack a required approved safety handrail. There are open sides of the front and side stairs that lack the required guardrail with intermediate rails spaced so that no object larger than a five-inch sphere may pass through. Portions of the concrete foundation are cracked and lightly spalling in sections. Gutters and downspouts are missing from the dwelling and the garage. This property has been vacant for over ten years.

***Police Involvement***

Police records indicate there have been no incidents at this address from 2012 – 2024.



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***Evaluation Criteria***

City Code 5.3.060 states that “the Revenue Division may evaluate individual delinquent open liens to develop recommendations on revising the payment amount of the lien and the payment terms.

Criteria (City Code 5.30.060)	Yes	No	Unknown
Property owner has committed prior City Code violations or has a delinquent account	✓		
Property owner has taken steps to correct violation or resolve any delinquency		✓	
Property owner’s financial condition allows to resolve the problem		✓	
Violation of high gravity and magnitude	✓		
Violation was intentional or negligent caused by the property owner		✓	
Violation was repeated or continuous	✓		
High degree of difficulty to correct the violation or delinquency		✓	
Economic or financial benefit accrued to property owner as a result of the violation		✓	
Property owner is cooperative and making an effort to correct the violation		✓	
Cost to the City to investigate and correct the violation	✓		
Any other relevant factor	✓		

The Revenue Division has reviewed the information related to this property and its history of violations using the criteria listed above. The office found no mitigating factors that would suggest that a reduced lien amount would encourage improved compliance, property improvement, or elimination of hazards.

***Communication with Owner***

The Liens Team has mailed out 19 letters to the owner from January 4, 2006 to January 23, 2024. I have spoken with owner a few times and he told me he doesn't have the financial ability to make the repairs to correct the code violations.