



# City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, FL 32502

## Memorandum

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File #: 21-00157

City Council

2/25/2021

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### **LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM**

**SPONSOR:** Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor

**SUBJECT:**

RELEASE OF LIENS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That City Council approve the release of liens for improvements on the following six parcels:

- 1021 North F Street, Property Account number 150646000;
- 1100 W. Gonzalez Street, Property Account number 150635000;
- 1021 North G Street, Property Account number 150781000;
- 1017 North G Street, Historic Property Account number 150784100;
- 1015 North G Street, Property Account number 150783000; and
- 1209 W. Gonzalez Street, Property Account number 150780000.

Further, that City Council authorize the Mayor to take all actions necessary to execute any documents related to the release of liens.

**HEARING REQUIRED:** No Hearing Required

**SUMMARY:**

Escambia County Neighborhood & Human Services Department, Neighborhood Enterprise Division is requesting that the City of Pensacola release improvement liens on six parcels to support the development of six single-family residential workforce housing units, which will be made available to income-qualifying homebuyers. Escambia County, the owner of record, plans to initiate an Infill Housing project utilizing these lots located within the City limits. A map of the parcel locations is attached. The parcels were escheated to Escambia County for non-payment of property taxes. The liens were placed on the parcels for improvements, to include lot clearing and structure demolition, by the City of Pensacola when the parcels were in private ownership.

The parcels are located within the Westside Redevelopment Area and Urban Design Overlay District. Development of the parcels will comply with all zoning codes. As noted in the Westside Community Redevelopment Area Plan, the project supports the development of infill housing on vacant lots, which will increase the tax base, offer homeownership opportunities, and stabilize the community. Lien forgiveness will clear title on the parcels and allow the properties to be conveyed to qualifying

homebuyers. Approval of this request will contribute to the City's goal of developing 500 affordable housing units in 5 Years.

Escambia County will be issuing a request for proposals for the development of the properties under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) in partnership with a Community Housing Development Organization. As required by the HOME Program, purchase assistance will be limited to buyers at or below 80% of area median income with a maximum purchase price not to exceed \$238,000.

Escambia County hosted a press conference announcing the project in June 2020.

**PRIOR ACTION:**

None

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Escambia County will pay to file the lien releases as part of the Infill Housing project costs.

**CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW:** Yes

2/2/2021

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Keith Wilkins, City Administrator

Kerrith Fiddler, Deputy City Administrator - Community Development

Marcie Whitaker, Housing Director

Steve Richards, Code Enforcement Administrator

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) Escambia County Lien Release Request Letter
- 2) Parcel Location Map
- 3) Announcement of Workforce Housing press conference

**PRESENTATION:** No