



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of March 20, 2018

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of March 27, 2018

DATE: March 12, 2018

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Amending the Corpus Christi Code adopt a Code Enforcement fee schedule

CAPTION: Ordinance amending the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinance, Section 13-20 (8) to increase the percentage of cost recovery for Code Enforcement per the User Fee Study.

PURPOSE: Currently, Code enforcement charges a single administrative fee, regardless of the type of cleanup that is required. The recommended fees include administrative fees in three categories; Mowing and clearing; intense cleanup, and board ups. The fees are intended to cover the administrative costs related to abating properties and do not include the actual costs of abatement.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS: The changes to the ordinance are:

Code Enforcement Administrative Fee Schedule	
Mowing and clearing	\$125
Intense Clean-up/warrant abatement	\$412
Structure board-ups	\$174

The current fees recover 21% of the total cost; this fee increase will recover 36% of full cost. Although the fees are set below full cost recovery, the recommendation is to increase the fees significantly in the first year. While there is room for additional increases in an attempt to recover full cost, a number of properties fail to pay the administrative fee, resulting in a low collection rate. The above listed administrative fees shall be included as expenses incurred by the city on any lien statement or statement of expenses required to be filed by ordinance or state law in order to attach a lien against the real estate on which the work is done.

In compliance with Local Government Code §214. 217, the Ordinance amending the International Property Maintenance Code, 2015 Edition with local amendments was published conspicuously on the City of Corpus Christi website from February 26, 2018 to March 20, 2018

ALTERNATIVES:
None

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Conforms to all city policies.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

☐ Operating X Revenue ☐ Capital ☐ Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2017-2018	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		\$26,103	\$62,648	\$88,751
BALANCE				

Fund(s): General

Comments:**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends supporting changes to the ordinance.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance

Presentation