

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Council
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Waiver of Demolition Lien at 2614 7th Street for Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to waive the demolition lien plus penalty and interest for 2614 7 th Street for Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. The balance due on the lien is \$13,290.15.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to waive the demolition lien plus penalty and interest at 2614 7th Street for Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

Background: The house located at 2614 7th Street was demolished in 1998 Ordinance No. 98-81 and a lien was placed on the property on November 3, 1998 for \$5,550 plus \$470 for the asbestos survey for a total of \$6,020. The property was owned by Essie B. Davis. The property sold at a tax sale on March 4, 2003 to Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Over the years, various leadership at the church has met with city officials to discuss the demolition lien and accrued penalty and interest.

Analysis: The property is owned by Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, a tax-exempt entity, and is an active church with no other city liens or past due taxes. The property is 0.1 acres and is currently taxable. The fair market value is listed at \$8,750 by the Tax Assessor's Office. The balance due on the lien is \$13,290.15.

Financial Considerations: The church has indicated they are a very small congregation of approximately 40 members and have been unable to pay the lien. As the parcel has limited use due to the topography and location, it would serve no other purpose to the city. The lien has been classified as bad debt for financial reporting purposes.

Legal Considerations: City Council is required to approve the waiver of the demolition lien and accrued penalties and interest.

Recommendation: Approval is requested to waive the demolition lien plus penalty and interest at 2614 7th Street for Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO WAIVE THE DEMOLITION LIEN AND ALL PENALTIES AND INTERST AT 2614 7TH STREET FOR PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH.

WHEREAS, the structure at 2614 7th Street was demolished in 1999 for \$5,550 plus \$470 for the asbestos survey; and,

WHEREAS, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, a tax exempt entity, purchased the property at a tax sale in 2003 and were not aware of the lien; and,

WHEREAS, the lien has continued to accrue interest with the current balance is \$13,290.15; and,

WHEREAS, the property has limited use and the lien is classified as bad debt for financial reporting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to waive the demolition lien for 2614 7th Street and all penalties and interest and release the lien.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____, 2021 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor