

STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: City Council Regular Session MEETING DATE: 08/16/2022

FROM: Rico Armstrong, Code Enforcement

SUBJECT: Request For Demolition of Property 719 Pine Avenue

BACKGROUND

Code Inspector Rico Armstrong received a complaint referring to 719 Pine Avenue property on 7/21/2022, conducted a site visit and observed that the property was heavily overgrown with vegetation and the building structure was unsafe. The home appeared vacant. The case was initially brought to the Special Magistrate on June 19th, 2019, whereby HARRISON ALTHEA T HEIRS ET was found to be in violation of the Green Cove Springs City Code regarding property known as 719 PINE AVE N GREEN COVE SPRINGS FL 32043 for an unsafe structure and required to bring the site into compliance by July 31, 2019 or pay a daily fine of \$25 per day Compliance was not met, and the fines began to accrue. On January 23, 2019, the Special Magistrate issued an order allowing the Code Enforcement unit or City Contractor to enter upon the property to demolish the structure. On July 21, 2020, a lien was placed on the property for \$8,750. The daily fines have accrued to the amount of \$12,100.00 and combined with the lien, the total amount owed on the property is \$20,850.00 as of August 9, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT

Accrued daily fines \$12,100.00 and Liens fines \$8,750.00 totaling an amount of \$20,850.00 as of August 9, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

The City recommends that the structure located at 719 Pine Avenue be demolished, this property is found to be unfit for human occupancy. In addition, the current condition of this property is causing a public health nuisance to the surrounding neighbors.