



# STAFF REPORT

## CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

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**TO:** City Council Regular Session **MEETING DATE:** 08/03/2021  
**FROM:** Ben Plourd, Code Enforcement  
**SUBJECT:** Lien Reduction Request For 704 Governors Cir

### BACKGROUND

Previous owner issued notice of repeat violation on May 21st, 2019, for overgrown grass/weeds and numerous property maintenance violations. Compliance was not met, and the case was brought to hearing on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Property was found in violation and assessed a \$100 administration fee. A daily fine of \$25 was ordered to start August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, if the violations were not corrected. Property was brought back to the special magistrate on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The daily fines had accumulated to \$8,750 plus the \$100 admin fee. A lien was imposed in the amount of \$8,850. The property remained in violation and the \$25 per day fine was ordered to continue.

Property was sold on May 7th, 2021; however, the lien was not paid off. The new owner obtained the required permits and cleaned up the property which is now in compliance.

Property owner is asking for the lien in the amount of \$8,850 be reduced.

Total lien amount \$8,850

### FISCAL IMPACT

**\$8,850 for the existing lien on the property.**

### RECOMMENDATION

City recommends the request be denied, lien amount assessed was due to ongoing and repeated code violations that were still present at the time of the property changing owners. The lien was recorded with the county clerk and would have been discoverable during a lien/title search done before the property changed hands.