



# STAFF REPORT

## CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

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**TO:** City Council/ Regular Session

**MEETING DATE:** October 19, 2021

**FROM:** L. J. Arnold III, City Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Authorize the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Program for Code Violation Abatement and accept the Engagement Letter for Nabors Giblin & Nickerson (“NG&N”) to assist with establishing the program.

### BACKGROUND

The City Council requested staff to begin the process of collecting City nuisance abatement costs from property owners as a non-ad valorem special assessment on their annual property tax bills. NG&N has assisted the City with our non-ad valorem special assessments for stormwater and solid waste and their Engagement Letter is attached. Other correspondence from attorney Heather Enicinosa with attachments explaining the Program are attached as well. The dates in the attachments for the public hearing on the Resolution will be changed to the first meeting in December.

### FISCAL IMPACT

It is expected to cost the City several thousand dollars to develop this program and to amend the City Code. Such fees and costs should be paid from fines collected by Code Enforcement. Once the Program is established the City should collect much more of our out of pocket abatement costs. We will continue with foreclosures of code liens when appropriate

### RECOMMENDATION

**Move to approve the Program and Engagement Letter with NG&N and authorize the City Manager to execute same.**

**Motion: Move to approve the Program and Engagement Letter with NG&N and authorize the City Manager to execute same.**