

EXECUTIVE BRIEF WORK SESSION

AGENDA DATE: May 23, 2022

DEPARTMENT: Community Sustainability

TITLE:

Discussion of Code Compliance Activities in Lake Worth Beach

SUMMARY:

Discussion of Code Compliance activities including types of compliance, governing rules and regulations, procedures, priorities and goals.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

Code Compliance is an often maligned but essential activity within the City. The process can be complex and many times does not achieve the results expected in a timely fashion. It is misunderstood with expectations often exceeding the legal limits of the law. All activities are governed by Florida Statutes 162, which has experienced some changes in the past few years. Anonymous complaints can no longer be taken unless they involve direct threat to life and safety. Florida is a property rights state, which serves to extend out the code compliance process much longer than is acceptable to many. And homesteaded properties are afforded many exceptions to the compliance options such as being exempt for foreclosure actions.

Discussion will involve the following areas of the Code Compliance process.

1. Florida Statutes and Provisions of 162
2. Traditional Code Compliance
3. Chronic Nuisance
4. Nuisance Abatement
5. Remedial Services
6. Red-Tagging and Towing
7. Use & Occupancy Inspections
8. Lien Reductions

With a mutual understanding of the Code Compliance process, consensus of direction will be sought regarding next steps for the Code Compliance Division including priorities and policy direction including identifying any changes that are needed within the City's Code of Ordinances.

DIRECTION:

Provide consensus on direction regarding goals objectives, policy direction and priorities for the City's Code Compliance Division and its activities.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A
Presentation
Organizational Chart