



**Ordinance establishing a uniform procedure for
filing Municipal Liens
2nd reading and public hearing**

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Purpose

- To establish a uniform procedure for filing municipal liens.

Background

- The City performs or causes to be performed certain services on private properties:
 - Abatement of properties, including removal of weeds, trees, junk and rubbish, unsafe structures
- After these services are completed, the City attempts to collect the amounts due from the property owner

Issues

- The City's codes have multiple provisions for filing municipal liens with varying fees ranging from 10%-40% of the cost of the work.
- The City's codes often require obtaining City Council approval before filing a lien which can be inefficient.

Solution

- Create one ordinance that standardizes the administrative fee at 15% and allows the City to file the liens administratively.

Questions?