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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Village Council

**FROM:** Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

**DATE:** October 8, 2019

**RE:** Code Compliance Mitigation and Payment Update

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Council requested an update on the status of code enforcement mitigation and collection of fines. A detailed report is attached and a summary is provided below. Please let us know if you have any questions and if you would like to receive this report on a regular basis.

### Summary

Code enforcement hearings began with the Special Magistrate in August, 2016. Since then, 103 cases have been processed for a variety of violations. (86 of these had associated fines.) Please note that the vast majority of violations are abated prior to any hearing.

The Council recently requested that the Village Manager, attorney and magistrate make a more concerted effort to collect fines which currently total \$2.4 million for the 86 cases. Additionally, Council requested that any cases with fines over \$100,000 be reviewed by the Council.

Through August 26<sup>th</sup>, we have collected \$19,989.75 for 36 properties.

### Collection Information

- \$2.4 million in fines have accrued as of August 26, 2019
- Collection of fines = \$19,989.75
- 86 cases had fines imposed
  - 36 cases have made payment
  - 50 cases have fines/liens remaining
    - 10 cases have fines/liens over \$100,000 (total of \$1.4 million) and Council will review the mitigation
    - 12 cases have homestead exemptions (cannot foreclose on the home)

In summary, as of August 26<sup>th</sup>, \$19,989.75 has been received of the outstanding \$2.4 million. In our initial collection attempts, we sent letters to non-homestead properties only. We can now send letters to homestead properties if the Council desires. It is likely that fines collected on homestead properties will not be large.

The attached spreadsheet shows all 103 cases. The 10 cases over \$100,000 are highlighted in yellow, and cases where the Village has collected money are highlighted in blue.

Attachment:  
Spreadsheet