

# Office of INDIAN RIVER COUNTY ATTORNEY

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners as the Environmental Control Board

**FROM:** Susan J. Prado, Assistant County Attorney

**DATE:** September 8, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Request for Release of Environmental Control Hearing Board Lien

# **BACKGROUND.**

Staff was contacted by Supreme Title regarding the following Environmental Liens:

On October 5, 2009, the Environmental Control Hearing Board issued an order in case number 465-09 against Gifford Gardens, LLC and assessed a \$1,000.00 fine. On November 10, 2009, the Environmental Control Hearing Board recorded a Notice of Lien for Environmental Fine and copy of the referenced order (O.R. BK 2379 PG 2180-2183).

On December 8, 2009, the Environmental Control Hearing Board issued an order in case number 470-09 against Gifford Gardens, LLC and assessed a \$8,100.00 fine. On April 13, 2010, the Environmental Control Hearing Board Recorded a Notice of Lien for Environmental Fine and copy of the reference order (O.R. BK 2393 PG 1716-1719).

On December 8, 2009, the Environmental Control Hearing Board issued an order in case number 465-09 against Gifford Gardens, LLC and assessed a \$5,000.00 fine plus a daily penalty of \$100 per day until compliance is achieved. On January 14, 2010, the Environmental Control Hearing Board Recorded a Notice of Lien for Environmental Fine and copy of the reference order (O.R. BK 2393 PG 1720-1722).

On February 22, 2010, the Environmental Control Hearing Board issued an order in case number 470-09 against Gifford Gardens, LLC and assessed a \$1,000.00 fine. On January 14, 2010, the Environmental Control Hearing Board Recorded a Notice of Lien for Environmental Fine and copy of the reference order (O.R. BK 2412 PG 422-424).

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On December 3, 2010, the Environmental Control Hearing Board issued an order in case number 482-10 against Gifford Gardens, LLC and assessed a \$1,500.00 fine, plus a daily penalty of \$100 per day until compliance is achieved. On February 22, 2011, the Environmental Control Hearing Board Recorded a Notice of Lien for Environmental Fine and copy of the reference order (O.R. BK 2479 PG 2166-2169).

Staff was asked to bring this item to the Board of County Commissioners (hereinafter Board) with the request to release the above listed liens on the following properties: 4461 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 4475 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

Staff requested an offer amount to present to the Board and received an offer amount of \$500. Staff countered that offer with a \$3,000 amount. The future buyer did not accept nor deny the counter offer but asked to be heard by the Board instead.

## **FUNDING.**

The only cost associated with this item is the cost to record a release of lien as to the above-mentioned properties, estimated to cost approximately \$185 and charged to account 00122019-033190-20022 (General Fund/Facilities/Other Professional Services-Gifford Gardens).

## RECOMMENDATION.

Staff is not in support of the \$500 offer amount to settle the liens on the above-mentioned properties and seeks the Board's decision on this matter.

Attachments: Aerial Photographs of 4461 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 4475 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue Copies of the liens