REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date: 10-19-09 Item No.: 12.d

Department Approval

City Manager Approval

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Item Description:

Community Development Department Request to Perform an Abatement for Unresolved Violations of City Code at 681 Lovell Avenue.

BACKGROUND

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- The subject property is a owner occupied single family home.
- The current owner is Ms. Solorzano who resides in the home.
- Current violations include:
 - Dead brush pile in front yard (Violation of City code Section 407.02.C).
 - Junk and debris in yard (Violation of City code Section 407.02.D).
 - Outside storage of junk, household items and building materials (Violation of City code section 407.03.H).
- A status update, including pictures, will be provided at the public hearing.

POLICY OBJECTIVE

The City goals within the Comprehensive Plan are to protect and improve property values (Goal 3, 4, and 5; page 6 and, Section 3) and to adhere to performance standards which protect the integrity of the housing units and the neighborhood (Policy 6, page 8, Section 3).

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

City Abatement:

An abatement would encompass the following:

- Removal of brush, junk and debris and building materials.
 - o Approximately \$350.00

Total: Approximately - \$350.00.

In the short term, costs of the abatement will be paid out of the HRA budget, which has allocated \$100,000 for abatement activities. The property owner will then be billed for actual and administrative costs. If charges are not paid, staff is to recover costs as specified in Section 407.07B. Costs will be reported to Council following the abatement.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Council direct Community Development staff to abate the above referenced public nuisance violations at 681 Lovell Avenue.

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Direct Community Development staff to abate public nuisance violations at 681 Lovell Avenue by hiring a general contractor to remove all brush, junk and building materials. The property owner will then be billed for actual and administrative costs. If charges are not paid, staff is to recover costs as specified in Section 407.07B. Costs will be reported to Council following the abatement.

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Attachment: A: Map of 681 Lovell Avenue.

