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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**MEMORANDUM**

**Planning,
Zoning,
Building Safety,
Construction Inspection Services,
Public Health,
Housing Inspections,
Code Enforcement**

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

FROM: Ken Rogers, Health & Housing Coordinator

DATE: September 3, 2013

SUBJECT: Special Assessments

INTRODUCTION:

The Community Development Department would like to be placed on the City Council agenda on September 5, 2013, to present a request to assess unpaid nuisance abatement costs to private properties.

BACKGROUND:

The City's contractor has provided nuisance abatement services at the properties listed on the attachment. The City was billed for these services and has subsequently paid the contractor. Assessing the outstanding bills to the property taxes will help the City recoup its costs. Most of these properties are vacant and are routinely maintained by the City Contractor against nuisance violations for weeds and snow removal where applicable. Some of the properties are occupied, in which case the owner was billed for the services provided. Those who did not remit payment are included on the assessment list. Also included are fees billed for rental inspections that remain unpaid. A \$50.00 assessment fee has been added to each property to cover processing costs.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

It is requested that Council approve the resolution to assess the unpaid nuisance abatement costs to their respective properties.

ATTACHMENT:

Assessment Request List of Unpaid Abatement Costs to Private Properties

Resolution # _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT OF UNPAID
ABATEMENT COSTS AND UNPAID RENTAL INSPECTION FEES
TO PRIVATE PROPERTIES**

WHEREAS, the city of Muscatine has incurred costs for abatement of certain Nuisance(s) according to Section 9-4-4 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, proper notice was given before such action according to provisions of Section 9-4-3 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Muscatine is allowed to assess such costs according to Section 9-4-4 of the City Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA, that nuisance abatement costs of the following property Owner(s) be assessed to the described properties in the amount(s) noted and reflected on the attached property tax bills.

PASSED AND APPROVED this date _____

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Property Owner/Address</u>	<u>Dates of Work</u>	<u>Weeds</u>	<u>Junk</u>	<u>Tree</u>	<u>Secured</u>	<u>Demo</u>	<u>Snow</u>	<u>Rental Insp. Fee</u>	<u>Costs</u>
1104 Wisconsin Street	Cassie Clemens	05/13/13	x							\$ 83.79
	1104 Wisconsin Street	05/24/13	x							\$ 68.70
	Muscatine, IA 52761	06/05/13	x							\$ 68.70
		06/18/13	x							\$ 53.62
		06/27/13	x							\$ 53.62
		07/15/13	x							\$ 68.70
		07/31/13	x							\$ 53.62
		Assessment Fee								\$ 50.00
		TOTAL								\$ 500.75
1207 Wisconsin Street	Sec. of Housing & Urban Dev.	04/24/13	x							\$ 53.62
	4400 Will Rogers Pkwy Suite 300	05/24/13	x							\$ 68.70
	Oklahoma City, OK 73108	06/05/13	x							\$ 53.62
		07/08/13	x							\$ 80.67
		Assessment Fee								\$ 50.00
		TOTAL								\$ 306.61
1311 Wisconsin Street	Juan Hernandez & Michelle Kauffman	06/25/13	x							\$ 52.05
	1311 Wisconsin Street	Assessment Fee								\$ 50.00
	Muscatine, IA 52761	TOTAL								\$ 458.66

TOTAL REQUESTED

\$49,393.03