

CLEAN & SAFE INITIATIVE UPDATE

JULY 13, 2020





HISTORY

- July 9, 2015 the idea for the Clean Community Initiative was first introduced to the City Commission.
- The proposed budget items included code enforcement actions, code enforcement staff and non-code related items.
- Due to the lack of focus on a particular area, the project did not receive approval.

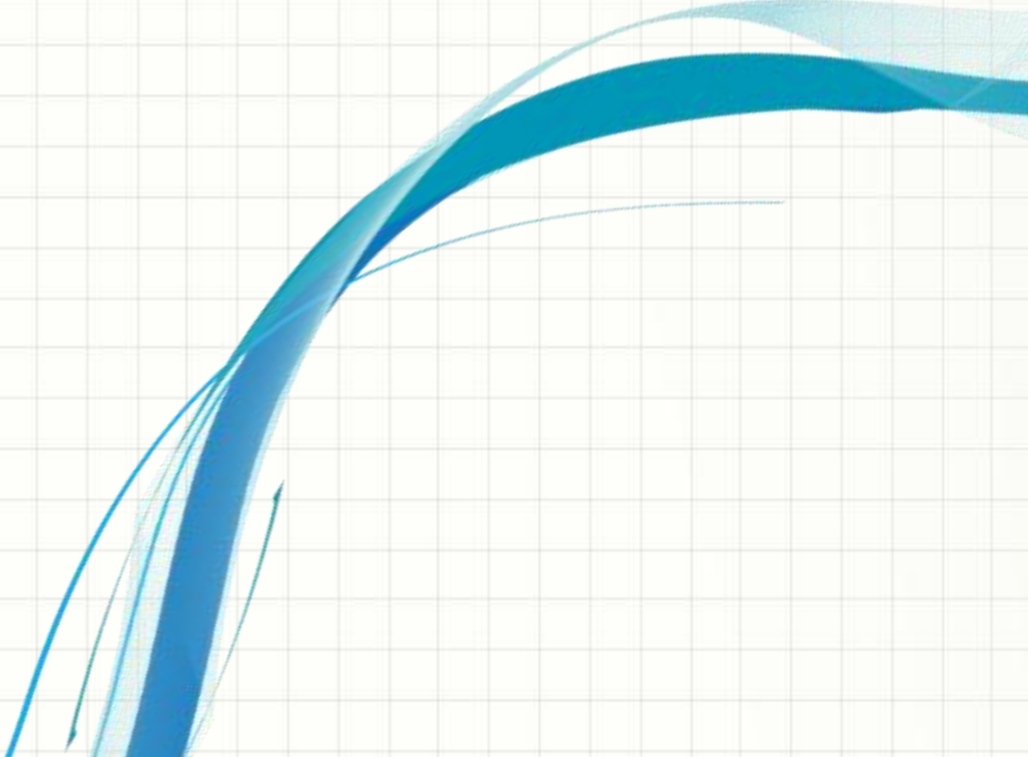
Project Description	Funding Amount
Demolition	\$53,000
Lot Clearing	\$56,065
Secure Vacant Structures	\$50,000
Graffiti Abatement	\$10,000
Tag & Tow	\$10,000
Code Enforcement (1 employee)	\$75,000
Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful	\$15,000
Youth & Crime Prevention	\$10,000



HISTORY

- September 5, 2017 staff presented the current “Clean & Safe Initiative” (CSI) to the City Commission.
- The project was focused on demolition and nuisance abatement of structures.
- All funds were restricted, and use must be approved by the City Commission.
- The project received the approval of the Commission.
- The CSI was incorporated into our Code of Ordinances with a sunset date of September 30, 2020, unless the Commission finds the goals have not been reached and the program will continue for an additional three years.

INCOME

- Funding for the project was set by Resolution at \$1 per month per utility bill.
 - FY 2018 - \$290,963.07
 - FY 2019 - \$315,676.56
 - FY 2020 - \$157,584.71 (YTD)
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- A decorative graphic consisting of several overlapping, curved, wavy lines in various shades of blue, starting from the bottom right and moving towards the top right, creating a sense of motion and depth.

THE NUMBERS

- A total of 148 demolition cases have been addressed:
 - 9 were demolished and 7 are in the process of being presented to the City Commission.
 - 9 were secured by the City.
 - TOTAL INVOLUNTARY – 25 (17%)
 - 65 were complied by owner.
 - 25 have active building permits.
 - 7 were secured by the owner.
 - TOTAL COMPLIANCE – 97 (66%)
 - 22 pending action.
 - 4 pending legal action.
 - TOTAL PENDING – 26 (18%)
- A total of 169 nuisance abatement cases have been addressed:
 - 40 (24%) were completed by the City
 - 7 (4%) are pending action.
 - 122 (72%) were complied by the owner.



THE NUMBERS



- Cost of Demolition:
 - FY 2018 - \$38,129
 - FY 2019 - \$42,735
 - FY 2020 – pending
- Cost of Nuisance Abatement:
 - FY 2018 - \$20,705
 - FY 2019 - \$46,295
 - FY 2020 - \$4,775 ytd
- Cost of Supplies
 - FY 2018 - \$5,327
 - FY 2019 - \$0
 - FY 2020 - \$4,998
- Cost of Administration
 - FY 2018 – approx. \$3,000
 - FY 2019 – approx. \$5,000
 - FY 2020 – approx. \$750 ytd

Lesson #1 –

The number of properties brought into compliance voluntarily is much higher than we anticipated.

Lesson #2 –

The City has not achieved its goal as drafted in 2017 and staff recommends amending the Code to include additional expenditures that relate directly to the safety of the community.

CSI Goals

2015

2020

2017

- Demolition
- Secure buildings
- Lot clearing
- Graffiti
- Tag & tow
- Code staff
- Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful
- Youth & crime prevention

- Demolition
- Nuisance abatement
- Lot clearing
- Any safety measure as approved by the City Commission.

- Demolition
- Nuisance abatement of structures only

Sec. 5-369

Clean and safe community initiative

Staff recommends the following amendment to more fully address the goal of the ordinance, which is a “clean and safe community”:

- a) In an effort to curb the onslaught of blighted conditions throughout the community, the city has created a clean and safe community initiative. The clean and safe community initiative is intended to provide direct remediation of structures and conditions that create a hazard to the life, health and safety of the community, contribute to an increase in criminal activity and overall reduce property values and community pride. Such structures or conditions shall be declared unsafe or a nuisance and be remediated in compliance with the City Code of Ordinances or by any method deemed appropriate and approved by the City Commission.
- b) To provide funding for the clean and safe community initiative there shall be created a clean and safe community fee. The fee shall be set by resolution as approved by the City Commission.
- c) The clean and safe community initiative shall be effective for a period of three fiscal years. The effective period will automatically renew unless, prior to the expiration of the program period the city commission, after conducting public hearings, finds that the purpose of this program has ~~not yet~~ been achieved, it may decide to not extend the effective period of this program for an additional three (3) years.



QUESTIONS?