

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: May 8, 2018

To: Mayor and Town Council
Via: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager
From: Ann Marie Taylor, Acting Chief of Police
Re: Annual Report – Code Enforcement Board
Date: April 20, 2018

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Town Council hear the presentation of the Annual Report for 2017/2018 by Matthew Natale, Chair of the Code Enforcement Board.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following information is a summary of the activities of the Code Enforcement Board and staff for the past year. Benjamin Alma, Code Enforcement Manager, is prepared to answer any questions from the Town Council.

The Code Enforcement Board consists of 9 members (7 regular members and 2 alternates). Matthew Natale was elected as Chair at the April 2018 meeting and Jay N. Nisberg was elected as Vice Chair. The remaining regular members are Robert Donnelley, Scotch Peloso, Daniel McDonnell, Rosemary Carpenter and Linda K. Wartow. The alternate member is Steven Meltzer. There is currently one alternate opening on the Board.

From May 2017 through April 2018, the Code Enforcement Board heard 43 new code violation cases, 14 fine consideration cases, 14 requests for fine reductions, 2 foreclosure consideration cases and 5 cases as old business. From May 1, 2017 through April 20, 2018, the Town of Palm Beach collected \$361,425.00 in fines ordered by the Code Enforcement Board and \$3,600.00 in Code Enforcement administrative fees.

As of April 20, 2018, there are 6 properties with daily running fines which total \$1,969,500.00, 12 properties with non-running fines totaling \$336,075.00 and 5 non-property owners with non-running fines totaling \$1,600.00. Liens in favor of the Town have been filed against property owners where appropriate.

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Notice of Code Violation Citations written and collected from May 1, 2017 to April 20, 2018 in which the violator admits to guilt and pays the fine, totaled \$ 19,150.00

At the present time, the Code Enforcement staff is comprised of 1 Parking/Code Enforcement Manager, 1 Parking/Code Enforcement Specialist and 2 full time Code Enforcement Officers.

Code enforcement staff handled 1406 complaints from May 1, 2017 through April 20, 2018 of which 577 were self-initiated by the Code Enforcement Officers. There were 2192 inspections completed, 859 code violation written warnings, 655 verbal warnings, 189 notice of violation letters issued, 117 Notice of Violation Citations issued and 77 Board Orders issued. Code Enforcement and Parking Enforcement staff wrote a total of 81 Right of Way Violations.

Attached is a list of all properties with current outstanding code enforcement fines as of April 20, 2018.

Attachment

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