TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: June 13, 2023

To:

Mayor and Town Council

Via:

Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

From:

Nicholas Caristo, Chief of Police

Re:

Annual Report - Code Enforcement Board

Date:

May 22, 2023

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Town Council review the Annual Report for 2022-2023, presented by the Code Enforcement Board.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following summarizes the activities of the Code Enforcement Board and staff beginning May 2022 through April 30, 2023.

The Code Enforcement Board consists of nine members which includes seven regular members and two alternate members. Bram Majtlis was re-elected as Chairman at the May 2023 meeting and Scotch Peloso was elected as Vice Chairman. The remaining members are Linda K. Wartow, Martin Klein, Chris Larmoyeux, Pamela Saba and John McGowan. The alternate members are Harris S. Fried and Pamela Davies.

The Code Enforcement Board considered seventy-eight new code violation cases, twenty-three fine consideration cases, fourteen fine reduction requests, and twelve old business cases. There were two foreclosure consideration cases.

\$557,925.00 in fines, and \$8,100.00 in administrative fees were collected.

There are no properties with daily running fines. Eight properties have non-running fines, totaling \$2,783,450.00. There are ten non-property owners with non-running fines, totaling \$4,000.00.

Liens in favor of the Town have been filed against property owners when appropriate.

Notice of Code Violation citations written and collected, where the violator admitted to guilt and paid the fine, totaled \$14,000.

Right of Way citations written and collected, where the violator admitted to guilt and paid the fine, totaled \$42,520.07.

Currently, the Code Enforcement staff is comprised of one Parking/Code Enforcement Specialist, one full-time Lead Code Enforcement Officer, one full-time Code Enforcement Officer and two full-time Code Compliance Officers.

The Code Enforcement staff received 2,380 complaints, which is an increase from last year's number of 1,828. 1,419 of the complaints were self-initiated by Code Enforcement Officers as compared to the previous year's number of 811.

5,237 inspections were completed, which has increased since the previous year of 4,185. 843 code violation warnings were written. 673 verbal warnings were given. 140 Notice of Violation letters were issued. 68 Notice of Violation citations were issued. 101 Board Orders were issued. 117 Right-of-Way violations were written all of which increased from last year.

Attached please find a list of properties with outstanding fines as of April 30, 2023.

Attachment

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LIST OF PROPERTIES WITH OUTSTANDING FINES AS OF APRIL 30, 2023

- 1. 287 Pendleton Ave.
- 2. 226 Pendleton Ave. (2 separate code cases)
- 3. 255 Southland Road
- 4. 2299 Ibis Isle
- 5. 337 Worth Ave.
- 6. 400 Blk. S. Ocean Blvd.
- 7. 300 Arabian Road
- 8. 353 Peruvian Ave.
- 9. 100 Blk. Bradley Pl.
- 10. 142 Casa Bendita
- 11. 102 Reef Road
- 12. 240 Oleander Ave.
- 13. 359 S County Road.
- 14. 224 Atlantic Ave.
- 15. 323 Worth Ave. Unit A
- 16. 12 Via Vizcaya
- 17. 223 Sunset Ave.