

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed decisions and recommendations in regard to the 2020 Brush Clearance Assessment Appeals.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. CONFIRM and APPROVE the 2020 Brush Clearance Assessments, as recommended by the Board of Fire Commissioners (BFC) at its meeting held on February 1, 2022 and detailed in the BFC report dated February 1, 2022, attached to Council file No. 22-0127.
2. CONFIRM the findings of the Hearing Officer; and; DENY the appeal for the parcels identified as:
 - a. APN 2171-013-059, situs address 21607 Dumetz Road
 - b. APN 4356-005-016, situs address 9935 Kip Drive
3. AMEND the 2020 Brush Clearance Assessments for the following appeals:
 - a. Waive the administrative fee of \$1,303 and confirm the total assessment of \$3,900 for the parcel identified as APN 5691-014-040, situs address Vacant Lot Adjacent to 1275 Cedaredge Avenue.
 - b. Waive the administrative fee of \$1,303 and confirm the total assessment of \$3,000 for the parcel identified as APN 5691-014-041, situs address Vacant Lot Adjacent to 1275 Cedaredge Avenue.
 - c. Waive the administrative fee of \$651 and confirm the total assessment of \$5,500 for the parcel identified as APN 5577-004-015, situs address Vacant Lot at 3530 North Knoll Drive.
 - d. Reduce the administrative fee of \$1,303 by half and confirm the total assessment of \$3,100 for the parcel identified as APN 2276-036-044, situs address 14576 Valley Vista Boulevard.
 - e. Approve the appeal and waive all costs of the total assessment of \$8,103 for the parcel identified as APN 5031-009-001, situs address 4245 Don Alanis Place.
4. DIRECT the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to:
 - a. Mail the notification letters (Attachment 1 of the BFC report dated February 1, 2022, attached to the Council file), to the affected property owners regarding the BFC findings, conclusion and proposed assessment.
 - b. Transmit the BFC report dated February 1, 2022, attached to the Council file, and proposed decision of the hearing officers to the City Attorney.
 - c. Forward the BFC report dated February 1, 2022, attached to the Council file, upon approval by Council, to the Los Angeles County Tax Collector for placement on the Los Angeles County 2022 Property Tax rolls.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The BFC reports that property owners are assessed an administrative fee of \$1,303.00 and the cost of clearance to abate the hazard for failure to comply with brush clearance requirements. The average cost of clearance is \$1,000 to \$5,000. For the 2020 brush season, 68 appeal requests were received from property owners electing to appeal their assessments. Of the 68 appeals received, 26 were granted or fees reduced. The Brush Clearance Assessment Hearings estimated total

revenue is \$296,942.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on April 6, 2022, your Public Safety Committee considered BFC report relative to proposed decisions and recommendations in regard to the 2020 Brush Clearance Assessment Appeals.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee recommended to move forward the recommendations contained in the BFC report, as detailed above, as amended. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
LEE:	YES
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
KORETZ:	ABSENT

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