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To: **THE COUNCIL**

Date: **04/17/20**

From: **THE MAYOR**

TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

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(Ana Guerrero) for

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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April 8, 2020

Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Room 303, City Hall
Attn: Legislative Coordinator

[BFC 20-025] – PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR THE 2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE ASSESSMENT APPEALS

At its special meeting of April 7, 2020, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved the report and its recommendations. The report is hereby transmitted to the Mayor for consideration, approval and for placement on the City Council calendar.

Should you need additional information, please contact the Board of Fire Commissioners' office at 213-978-3838.

Sincerely,

Commission Executive Assistant II

Attachment

cc: Board of Fire Commissioners (without attachments)
Fire Chief Ralph M. Terrazas (without attachments)

APPROVED: *4/4/20*
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
BY: *Ralph M. Terrazas*
COMMISSION EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

March 17, 2020



RALPH M. TERRAZAS
FIRE CHIEF

March 2, 2020

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 20-025

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: *RMT* Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR THE 2018
BRUSH CLEARANCE ASSESSMENT APPEALS

FOR FINAL ACTION:

Approved
 Denied

Approved w/Corrections
 Received & Filed

Withdrawn
 Other

SUMMARY

Invoices setting forth the cost of abatement, administrative fee and/or a noncompliance fee were mailed to property owners. A letter was included with the invoice informing the property owner if they wished to present evidence that shows cause why the property should not be assessed for the cost of abatement or not be assessed in the amount specified in the notice, the Fire Department would schedule them for a hearing.

The Brush Clearance Unit held the 2018 Brush Clearance Assessment Appeals at the Marvin Braude Center located in Van Nuys from June 24 through September 19, 2019.

This year the Fire Department received 77 requests from property owners who chose to appeal the imposed assessment. The cases were randomly distributed to the hearing officers in keeping with the recent California Supreme Court's decision regarding administrative hearings and the City Attorney's recommendation in the matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Approve the Hearing Officer's "Proposed Decision and Recommendations."
(Attachment 1)
2. Direct the Fire Department to mail the notification letter (Attachment 2), to the property owner regarding the Board of Fire Commissioners findings, conclusion and proposed assessment.
3. Transmit the Board of Fire Commissioners approved report and proposed decision of the hearing officers to the City Attorney.

4. Transmit the Board of Fire Commissioners approved report to the Mayor for placement on the City Council calendar.
5. Upon City Council adoption of the report, direct the Fire Department to forward the report to the Los Angeles County Tax Collector for placement on the Los Angeles County 2020 Property Tax rolls.

FISCAL IMPACT

Property owners are assessed an administrative fee of \$1,304.00 and the cost of clearance to abate the hazard for failure to comply with brush clearance requirements. The average cost of clearance is \$4,090.80

For the 2018 brush season, 77 appeal requests were received from property owners electing to appeal their assessments. Of the 77 appeals received, 24 were granted or reduced.

The Brush Clearance Assessment Hearings estimated total revenue is \$314,992.00.

DISCUSSION

The Hearing Officers have considered the evidence and have received testimony from departmental personnel with respect to the existence of a nuisance and cost of abatement.

The report identifies and includes the name and mailing address of the owner of each parcel from which a fire nuisance was abated. In addition, the reports include the substance of protest, departmental information and proposed decision and recommendation as to whether or not the proposed assessment should be: (1) confirmed in the amount set forth in the invoice, (2) waived, or (3) confirmed in an amount less than set forth in the invoice.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, a transmittal to the attached "Report, Proposed Decision and Recommendations" by the Board of Fire Commissioners will be sent to the City Council for adoption and placement on the Los Angeles County 2020 Tax rolls. This will conclude the 2018 Brush Clearance Assessment Appeals.

Board report was prepared by Sydney T. Chambers, Captain I, Brush Clearance Unit.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1: Proposed Decision and Recommendation
- Attachment 2: Notification Letter

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



RALPH M. TERRAZAS FIRE
CHIEF

March 2, 2020

(Attachment 2)

TO: The Honorable Board of Fire Commissioners
City of Los Angeles

FROM: Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: 2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE ASSESSMENT HEARING REPORT,
PROPOSED DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

SUMMARY

Ms. Detra Hicks and Mr. Steve Napolitano, Hearing Officers, have completed the 2018 Brush Clearance Assessment Hearings. Attached are the Hearing Officers' 2018 Brush Clearance Assessment Hearings Report, Proposed Decisions and Recommendations (Report) for submittal to the Board of Fire Commissions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Honorable Board of Fire Commissioners:

1. Approve the Hearing Officers' 2018 Brush Clearance Assessment Hearings Report (attached)
2. Direct the Department to mail notification of the 2018 Brush Clearance Assessment Hearings Report to each appellant as delineated in the Los Angeles Municipal Code, Section 57.21.07 (attached).
3. Transmit the Hearing Officers' 2018 Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing Report to the City Attorney for notification.
4. Transmit the Hearing Officers' 2018 Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing Report to the Mayor for placement on the City Council calendar for City Council action.
5. Upon City Council action, direct the Department to forward the Report to the Los Angeles County Tax Collector for placement on the Los Angeles County Property Tax rolls.

FINDINGS

As directed by the Board of Fire Commissioners, the Brush Clearance Unit held the 2018 Brush Clearance Assessment Hearings during June through September 2019. The Assessment Hearings were held at the Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center, located at 6262 Van Nuys Boulevard suite 451, Van Nuys, CA 91401. The Hearing Officers were randomly assigned the 77 Assessment Hearings that were requested by property owners. Property owners and Fire Department representatives presented all related information to the Hearing officers regarding the specific property and the proposed assessed fees. The Hearing Officers have forwarded their combined Report to the Fire Department for submittal to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

CONCLUSION

Transmittal of the attached Hearing Officers' Report, Proposed Decision and Recommendations by the Board of Fire Commissioners to the City Council for adoption and placement on the Los Angeles County Tax rolls will complete the Brush Clearance Assessment Hearings for the year 2018.

Board report was prepared by Sidney T. Chambers, Captain I, Brush Clearance Unit.

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REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 11, 2019 10:15

PACKAGE NO: 2018175008

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 106

NAME: DOCHET CAREY, JACQUELINE P TR J P DOCHET CAREY TRUST

MAILING ADDRESS: 08679 VALLEY FLORES DR
WEST HILLS CA 91307

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L NE OF 8684 North VALLEY FLORES DR
WEST HILLS CA 91304

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2017018032** / INVOICE NO: BC190000010

ASSESSMENT: **\$8,984.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$7,680.00	\$1,304.00	\$8,984.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant received notices but believed they were for a property that did not belong to him so he did not address the cited hazard/s.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 14, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 14, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 4, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 18, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 2017018032 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded to the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of clearance. The Appellant provided no evidence to waive or reduce the assessment.

Total assessment due is **\$8,984.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 11, 2019 13:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018175006

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 106

NAME: ENTEWAN FARAGALA AND MAIKEL FARAGALLA

MAILING ADDRESS: 24836 HIDDEN HILLS DRIVE
MENIFEE CA 92584 USA

SITUS ADDRESS: 8542 North HILLCROFT DR
WEST HILLS CA 91304

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2017020026** / INVOICE NO: BC190000011

ASSESSMENT: **\$2,294.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$990.00	\$1,304.00	\$2,294.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant moved and did not receive notice in the mail.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on July 19, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 24, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 4, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 18, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 2017020026 has been confirmed for the amount set forth in the initial notice.

At issue is whether notice was sufficiently provided to the Appellant. The Fire Department mailed and posted notice as legally required however due to his change of address, all mail was returned. The Appellant provided no evidence of any attempts to notify the Fire Department of a change of address as is his responsibility. The Notice to Abate was properly posted on parcel 2017020026 thereby affording the Appellant sufficient due process.

The Fire Inspector and the Contractor provided photographs that depict the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance. The Appellant did not provide evidence sufficient to waive the fee as originally assessed.

Total assessment due is **\$2,294.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 11, 2019 08:45

PACKAGE NO: 2018175006

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 106

NAME: ENTEWAN FARAGALLA

MAILING ADDRESS: 24836 HIDDEN HILLS DRIVE
MENIFEE CA 92584 USA

SITUS ADDRESS: 8548 North HILLCROFT DR
WEST HILLS CA 91304

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2017020027** / INVOICE NO: BC190000012

ASSESSMENT: **\$2,294.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$990.00	\$1,304.00	\$2,294.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant moved and did not receive notice in the mail.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on July 18, 2018.

There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 24, 2018.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 4, 2018.

The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 18, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 2017020026 has been confirmed for the amount set forth in the initial notice.

At issue is whether notice was sufficiently provided to the Appellant. The Fire Department mailed and posted notice as legally required however due to his change of address, all mail was returned. The Appellant provided no evidence of any attempts to notify the Fire Department of a change of address as is his responsibility. The Notice to Abate was properly posted on parcel 2017020027 thereby affording the Appellant sufficient due process.

The Fire Inspector and the Contractor provided photographs that depict the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance. The Appellant did not provide evidence sufficient to waive the fee as originally assessed.

Total assessment due is **\$2,294.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 11, 2019 08:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018175019

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 105

NAME: MORAN,RAFAEL AND MARIA TRS MORAN FAMILY TRUST

MAILING ADDRESS: 6442 ELLENVIEW AVE
WEST HILLS CA 91307

SITUS ADDRESS: 6442 ELLENVIEW AVE
LOS ANGELES CA 91307

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2032025006 / INVOICE NO: BC190000018

ASSESSMENT: **\$7,850.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$7,850.00	\$1,304.00	\$7,850.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts that the cited violations had been cleared by his own contractors prior to the Contracted Clearance that took place on December 13, 2018.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on August 21, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 23, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 29, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on December 13, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 2032025006 has been confirmed in the amount less than that previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

Despite the Appellant's efforts, the Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that still existed at the time of clearance. Accordingly, the Cost of Clearance stands but the Administrative Fee is waived.

Total assessment due is **\$9,154.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 27, 2019 08:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018175010

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 105

NAME: AVENUE SAN LUIS PARTNERS

MAILING ADDRESS: 24007 VENTURA BLVD STE 115
CALABASAS CA 91302

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L AVE. SAN LUIS X CRESPI ST
WOODLAND HILLS CA 91364

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2074004041** / INVOICE NO: BC190000021

ASSESSMENT: **\$2,504.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$1,200.00	\$1,304.00	\$2,504.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts that his lot has no right of way so the "Mulholland Rule" which would make him responsible for clearing the county land surrounding his parcel, does not apply.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 29, 2018.

There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 25, 2018.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 11, 2018.

The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 1, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment has been waived in its entirety.

The Inspector stated that the Mulholland Rule, which generally stipulates that landowners have a property interest in any public right of way, applies to the facts at hand. The Zimas overview of Appellant's property reveals that Appellant's parcel is indented from the road and that there is no right of way. As such, the cited hazard/s, exist in an area beyond Appellant's property line.

The cited parcel has no right of way eliminating Appellant's responsibility to clear any portion of the county land.

Total assessment due is **\$0.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 25, 2019 08:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018175021

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 105

NAME: JOSEPH S VELAS

MAILING ADDRESS: 5066 FALLBROOK AVE
WOODLAND HILLS CA 91364

SITUS ADDRESS: 5066 FALLBROOK AVE
LOS ANGELES CA 91364

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2075014054** / INVOICE NO: BC190000024

ASSESSMENT: **\$11,204.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$9,900.00	\$1,304.00	\$11,204.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant acknowledges receipt of notice and asserts that an attempt was made to clear some of the cited hazard/s. Appellant felt the expense associated with clearance was excessive.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 8, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 18, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on December 13, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on December 29, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against the property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The Fire Department records reflect that the Appellant was afforded due process with all notices mailed and posted as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Fire Inspector and Contractor provided photographs that depicted the hazardous conditions in existence at the time of clearing. During his appearance, the Appellant failed to provide any evidence sufficient to merit waiving the fee.

Total assessment due is **\$11,204.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: August 5, 2019 08:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018184011

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 84

NAME: Mohamadhosein & Yaghoobi MOLAIBAGHAL

MAILING ADDRESS: 4623 Winnetka Cir
Woodland Hills CA 91364 USA

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L @ 21065 Topochico Dr
Woodland Hills CA 91364

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2172019034** / INVOICE NO: BC190000044

ASSESSMENT: **\$2,184.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$880.00	\$1,304.00	\$2,184.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts that no clearance was done on the parcel.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 31, 2018.

There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 18, 2018.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 8, 2018.

The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on December 2, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 2172019034 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

Despite the Appellant's assertion that no contractor clearance has taken place, the Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of clearance and proof of work once completed. The Appellant provided no evidence to waive or reduce the assessment.

Total assessment due is **\$2,184.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 8, 2019 10:15

PACKAGE NO: 2018184009

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 93

NAME: NASSIMI,ATOOSA

MAILING ADDRESS: 00000 PO BOX 19333
ENCINO CA 91416

SITUS ADDRESS: 4450 GABLE DR
LOS ANGELES CA 91316

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2184013004** / INVOICE NO: BC190000048

ASSESSMENT: **\$6,500.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$6,500.00	\$1,304.00	\$6,500.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts she received no notices and her tenants on the property did not notify her of any notices. Appellant said she had been taking care of her family and had no time to visit the property. Appellant further said that her gardener charged her a large sum to remove brush, so she thought it was complete.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 29, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 9, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 25, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 7, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in part and waived in part. The record shows that the Fire Inspector made all appearances, mailed and posted notices as legally required, affording Appellant due process. No return mail was received.

The property was shown to be in noncompliant at the time of re-inspection for brush clearance requirements for the year 2018. The property failed the initial inspection and re-inspections, requiring the City to contract with a vendor for brush clearance. The Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs showing the hazardous conditions before, during and after the clearance. Appellant claims financial and family hardships, and as a result, the Administrative fee is waived.

Total assessment due is **\$7,804.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 8, 2019 08:45

PACKAGE NO: 2018184006

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 93

NAME: Shelly Ann YOUREE

MAILING ADDRESS: 4552 Martson Dr
Encino CA 91316 USA

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L @ 4500 Block of Grimes Pl
Tarzana CA 91316

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2184024030** / INVOICE NO: BC190000054

ASSESSMENT: **\$1,854.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$550.00	\$1,304.00	\$1,854.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Upon receiving notice, the Appellant hired contractors who failed to clear all the hazards. Additionally the Appellant claimed hardship as a result of a recent change in her employment status.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 21, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 27, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 4, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 18, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 2184024030 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Appellant received Notice and hired contractors to clear all hazards but they failed to complete the work. The Appellant does not dispute that Contracted Clearance took place. The Appellant claimed financial hardship so a request was made for documents that would support the Appellant's claim. None were provided.

Despite the Appellant's efforts to clear her parcel, the Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of clearance. The Appellant provided no evidence to waive or reduce the assessment.

Total assessment due is **\$1,854.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 8, 2019 08:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018184009

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 93

NAME: Shelly Ann YOUREE

MAILING ADDRESS: 4552 Martson Dr
Encino CA 91316 USA

SITUS ADDRESS: 4552 N MARTSON DR
LOS ANGELES CA 91316

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2184025026** / INVOICE NO: BC190000059

ASSESSMENT: **\$2,304.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$1,000.00	\$1,304.00	\$2,304.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Upon receiving notice, the Appellant hired contractors who failed to clear all the hazards. Additionally the Appellant claimed hardship as a result of a recent change in her employment status.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on September 18, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 11, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 25, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 7, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 2184025026 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Appellant received Notice and hired contractors to clear all hazards but they failed to complete the work. The Appellant does not dispute that Contracted Clearance took place. The Appellant claimed financial hardship so a request was made for documents that would support the Appellant's claim. None were provided.

Despite the Appellant's efforts to clear her parcel, the Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of clearance. The Appellant provided no evidence to waive or reduce the assessment.

Total assessment due is **\$2,304.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 8, 2019 09:30

PACKAGE NO: 2018184007

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 93

NAME: David & Robyn Sewitz

MAILING ADDRESS: 4544 MARTSON DR
ENCINO CA 91316 USA

SITUS ADDRESS: 4544 MARTSON DR
LOS ANGELES CA 91316

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2184025036** / INVOICE NO: BC190000063

ASSESSMENT: **\$6,000.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$6,000.00	\$1,304.00	\$6,000.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant agrees the property needed additional work after it failed re-inspection, however, Appellant asserts the work was completed before the City contractor was hired. Appellant further asserts that the City's contractor confirmed the work was done and that many of the Fire Inspector's photographs were of adjoining properties.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 21, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 19, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 11, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 25, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in part and waived in part. The record shows that the Fire Inspector made all appearances, mailed and posted notices as legally required, affording Appellant due process. No return mail was received.

The property was shown to be in noncompliant at the time of re-inspection for brush clearance requirements for the year 2018. The property failed the initial inspection and re-inspections, requiring the City to contract with a vendor for brush clearance. The Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs showing the hazardous conditions before, during and after the clearance. The Fire Inspector advised Appellant of his property lines in accordance with the County Assessor's property information. Appellant could not verify the City contractor's statement or whether it was made after the contractor cleared the brush. The City's contractor's bill includes access from an adjoining property. In recognition of Appellant's efforts to clear the property prior to the City contracting the work, the Administrative Fee is waived.

Total assessment due is **\$7,304.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: August 5, 2019 09:30

PACKAGE NO: 2018174016

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 109

NAME: SENGUL,JOHN AND JEANINE

MAILING ADDRESS: 05168 SKY RIDGE DR
GLENDALE CA 91214

SITUS ADDRESS: 16875 SEVERO PL
LOS ANGELES CA 91436

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2287006015** / INVOICE NO: BC190000073

ASSESSMENT: **\$8,704.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$7,400.00	\$1,304.00	\$8,704.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the Scheduled Brush Clearance Appeal Hearing on August 5, 2019. No evidence in opposition was submitted.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on August 20, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 24, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on December 13, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on January 5, 2019. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 2287006015 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Fire Inspector and the Contractor provided photographs that depicted the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance. The Appellant failed to appear for the hearing and did not provide any evidence to waive the fee as originally assessed.

Total assessment due is **\$8,704.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: August 5, 2019 08:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018173010

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 77

NAME: Mario Tudela

MAILING ADDRESS: 2219 W. Olive ave 282
Burbank CA 91506 USA

SITUS ADDRESS: 8970 West La Tuna Canyon
Sun Valley Ca 91352

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2401035004** / INVOICE NO: BC190000087

ASSESSMENT: **\$1,624.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$320.00	\$1,304.00	\$1,624.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts he purchased the property in March 2018 and was not aware of the brush clearance requirements. Appellant stated that he did not see the first notice but did get the second notice.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 7, 2018.

There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 28, 2018.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 1, 2018.

The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 14, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The record shows that the Fire Inspector made all appearances, mailed and posted notices as legally required, affording Appellant due process. No return mail was received.

The property was shown to be noncompliant at the time of re-inspection for brush clearance requirements for the year 2018. The property failed the initial inspection and re-inspections, requiring the City to contract with a vendor for brush clearance. The Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs showing the conditions before, during and after the clearance. The assessment is for the cost of the brush clearance as bid by the City's vendor and the administration fees for processing and inspections.

In this case, Appellant admitted receiving the second notice but failed to act to clear the property prior to the City contracting for the clearance.

Total assessment due is **\$1,624.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 25, 2019 09:30

PACKAGE NO: 2018172013

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 98

NAME: DONG SHIK CHOI AND HAE YOUNG YOON

MAILING ADDRESS: 11488 KAGEL CANYON RD
SYLMAR CA 91342 USA

SITUS ADDRESS: 11488 W KAGEL CANYON ST

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2530019054** / INVOICE NO: BC190000102

ASSESSMENT: **\$5,900.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$5,900.00	\$1,304.00	\$5,900.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts that the portion of the parcel containing the cited hazards was not their property and not legally their responsibility.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on September 12, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 24, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 8, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 25, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 2530019054 has been confirmed in an amount less than that set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The boundaries of parcel 2530019054 were identified using the records held by the County Assessor. Upon review of these records, the Appellant concedes that the portion of parcel cited as hazardous is indeed their property and that they are legally responsible for its clearance.

Appellant understands that it is the responsibility of the landowner to keep the land clear of hazards year-round and moving forward will extend their already considerable efforts to the entirety of the property. Accordingly, the Cost of Clearance stands but the Administrative Fee is waived.

Total assessment due is **\$7,204.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 22, 2019 08:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018172013

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 24

NAME: HACOPIAN, NORIK AND ARLEDA

MAILING ADDRESS: 11118 HERSHEY ST
SUN VALLEY CA 91352

SITUS ADDRESS: 10260 North SUNLAND BLVD
SUNLAND CA 91040

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2546012008** / INVOICE NO: BC190000115

ASSESSMENT: **\$8,500.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$8,500.00	\$1,304.00	\$8,500.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts they received no noncompliance notices until they received a bill for the cost of clearance by the City. Additionally, Appellant asserts they weren't aware they were responsible to clear the lower part of their property.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 14, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 18, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 8, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 25, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in part and dismissed in part. The record shows that the Fire Inspector made all appearances, mailed and posted notices as legally required, affording Appellant due process. No return mail was received.

The property was shown to be in noncompliant at the time of re-inspection for brush clearance requirements for the year 2018. The property failed the initial inspection and re-inspections, requiring the City to contract with a vendor for brush clearance. The Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs showing the conditions before, during and after the clearance. The assessment is for the cost of the brush clearance as bid by the City's vendor and the administration fees for processing and inspections. Due to the perceived lack of notice, the administrative fees are recommended to be waived; however, the cost of clearance is upheld as the continued presence of the brush until cleared by the contractor constituted a clear hazard that had to be removed.

Total assessment due is **\$9,804.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: September 4, 2019 09:30

PACKAGE NO: 2018173011

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 74

NAME: ANGEL,ANGEL SR

MAILING ADDRESS: 07469 FOOTHILL BLVD
TUJUNGA CA 91042

SITUS ADDRESS: 8230 West Chapin Lane
Sunland Ca 91040

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2560039015** / INVOICE NO: BC190000123

ASSESSMENT: **\$4,299.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$2,995.00	\$1,304.00	\$4,299.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

In the Appellant's written request for a hearing, they declared that work had been done in 2017 and requested a review of the facts. The Appellant did not appear at the Scheduled Brush Clearance Appeal Hearing on September 4, 2019.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 7, 2018.

There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 18, 2018.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 1, 2018.

The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 14, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 2560039015 for hazards cleared during the 2018 Brush Clearance Season, has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Fire Inspector and the Contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance in 2018. The Appellant failed to appear for the hearing and did not provide any evidence to waive the fee as originally assessed.

Total assessment due is **\$4,299.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 8, 2019 08:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018173008

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 74

NAME: WWJ INC

MAILING ADDRESS: 09034 W SUNSET BLVD
WEST HOLLYWOOD CA 90069

SITUS ADDRESS: 9828 North Redmont Ave
Tujunga Ca 91042

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2563032010** / INVOICE NO: BC190000131

ASSESSMENT: **\$1,679.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$375.00	\$1,304.00	\$1,679.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts they purchased the property on October 18, 2018, after the initial notices and bid day inspection. Appellant submitted a grant deed for the property that was notarized on October 18, 2018.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 10, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 4, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 25, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 7, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

Per the grant deed submitted into evidence, the Appellant purchased the property on October 18, 2018. The transfer of title was done after the initial and secondary notices and bid day inspection, so that Appellant had no prior notice of the brush clearance requirements. For these reasons, the appeal is granted.

Total assessment due is **\$0.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: September 5, 2019 08:45

PACKAGE NO: 2018173006

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 74

NAME: SNOWBALL WEST INVESTMENTS L P

MAILING ADDRESS: 00000 PO BOX 64277
LOS ANGELES CA 90064

SITUS ADDRESS: 9315 North Tujunga Canyon Bl
Tujunga Ca 91042

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2572021016** / INVOICE NO: BC190000159

ASSESSMENT: **\$7,299.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$5,995.00	\$1,304.00	\$7,299.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant provided no defense and admitted that he failed to clear the brush as required in the notices he received.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 11, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 4, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 18, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 1, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The record shows that the Fire Inspector made all appearances, mailed and posted notices as legally required, affording Appellant due process. No return mail was received.

The property was shown to be noncompliant at the time of re-inspection for brush clearance requirements for the year 2018. The property failed the initial inspection and re-inspections, requiring the City to contract with a vendor for brush clearance. The Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs showing the conditions before, during and after the clearance. The assessment is for the cost of the brush clearance as bid by the City's vendor and the Administration Fees for processing and inspections.

Total assessment due is **\$7,299.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: September 5, 2019 08:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018173006

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 74

NAME: SNOWBALL WEST INVESTMENTS L P

MAILING ADDRESS: 00000 PO BOX 64277
LOS ANGELES CA 90064

SITUS ADDRESS: 6433 LA TUNA CANYON RD
LOS ANGELES CA 91042

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2572021020** / INVOICE NO: BC190000160

ASSESSMENT: **\$6,304.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$5,000.00	\$1,304.00	\$6,304.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts his crews cleared the brush to 200 feet from any structures but did not see the additional posting by LAFD in the weeds between the cut areas. Appellant also asserts that the dead trees to be removed needed city approval which has yet to be received.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 10, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 4, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 18, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 1, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The record shows that the Fire Inspector made all appearances, mailed and posted notices as legally required, affording Appellant due process. No return mail was received. The property was shown to be non-compliant at the time of re-inspection for brush clearance requirements for the year 2018. The property failed the initial inspection and re-inspections, requiring the City to contract with a vendor for brush clearance. The Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs showing the conditions before, during and after the clearance. The assessment is for the cost of the brush clearance as bid by the City's vendor and the administration fees for processing and inspections.

In this case, the Appellant admitted he received the first two mailed notices as to what work needed to be done to be in brush clearance compliance. The additional onsite posting done by the LAFD included a notice on a structure on the property in addition to posting on a stake in the area that required additional clearance per LAFD policy. Appellant had adequate notice and access to further information via the websites posted on the notices. LAFD maintains the site was not cleared to regulation distances and no evidence was produced by Appellant to show otherwise.

Total assessment due is **\$6,304.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 25, 2019 10:15

PACKAGE NO: 2018172004

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 91

NAME: MICHAEL J LEHR

MAILING ADDRESS: 14003 CANDLEWOOD DR
SYLMAR CA 91342

SITUS ADDRESS: 14003 CANDLEWOOD DR
LOS ANGELES CA 91342

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2582023002** / INVOICE NO: BC190000166

ASSESSMENT: **\$2,149.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$845.00	\$1,304.00	\$2,149.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts that he was unaware that the portion of land cited as noncompliant, belonged to him. Additionally, the Appellant asserts that the cost is a financial hardship.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 17, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 18, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on September 27, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 12, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 2582023002 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The boundaries of parcel 2582023002 were identified using the records held by the County Assessor and can be reviewed at www.zimas.lacity.org. Upon review of these records, it is clear that the portion of parcel cited as hazardous is the Appellant's property and the Appellant is legally responsible for its clearance. The Appellant claims that the expense associated with the Contracted Clearance would exacerbate an already existing financial hardship. A request was made for documents that evidenced such hardship and the Appellant failed to provide them.

The Fire Inspector and the Contractor provided photographs that depict the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance. Appellant did not provide evidence sufficient to waive the fee as originally assessed.

Total assessment due is **\$2,149.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: September 4, 2019 08:45

PACKAGE NO: 2018172006

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 91

NAME: STEPHEN A HEWKO CO

MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 922462
SYLMAR CA 91392 USA

SITUS ADDRESS: 14133 JANNA WAY
LOS ANGELES CA 91342

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2582024010** / INVOICE NO: BC190000167

ASSESSMENT: **\$2,304.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$1,000.00	\$1,304.00	\$2,304.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellants assert that LA Flood Control used to reimburse them for clearance until the 1990s when LAFD took over brush clearance for the area. The Appellants assert that neither they nor their neighbors were notified that LAFD would stop assisting them with the clearance of their property and understand that it will be their responsibility to clear the brush going forward.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 21, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 10, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on September 27, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on September 28, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The Appellants provided credible information supporting their argument that in previous years, LAFD assumed the responsibility of clearing the hillside and that LAFD provided no notice to the Appellants or their neighbors that such assistance would no longer be provided. The Appellants have already acted to clear the brush for the current year. The Appeal is granted for waiver of all costs.

Total assessment due is **\$0.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: August 5, 2019 10:15

PACKAGE NO: 2018172006

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 91

NAME: CATHERS,ROBERT M AND MARTHA J

MAILING ADDRESS: 14137 JANNA WAY
SYLMAR CA 91342

SITUS ADDRESS: 14137 JANNA WAY
LOS ANGELES CA 91342

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2582024011** / INVOICE NO: BC190000168

ASSESSMENT: **\$2,254.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$950.00	\$1,304.00	\$2,254.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts that LA Flood Control used to reimburse them for clearance until the 1990's, when LAFD then took over brush clearance for the area. Appellant asserts that he wasn't made aware that LAFD would stop assisting them in clearing the property and have cleared the brush themselves going forward.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 21, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 10, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on September 27, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on September 28, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The Hearing Officer found the testimony of Appellant to be credible that LAFD assumed responsibility to clear the hillside for several years but provided no notice to Appellant that such assistance would no longer be provided. Appellant has already acted to clear the brush for the current year. Appeal is granted for waiver of all costs.

Total assessment due is **\$0.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: September 4, 2019 08:45

PACKAGE NO: 2018172008

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 91

NAME: SILVA AND SILVA INVESTMENTS INC

MAILING ADDRESS: 24062 PLAZA LUNETA
VALENCIA CA 91355

SITUS ADDRESS: 13908 PICKADILLY PL
LOS ANGELES CA 91342

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2582038034** / INVOICE NO: BC190000170

ASSESSMENT: **\$2,699.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$1,395.00	\$1,304.00	\$2,699.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the Scheduled Brush Clearance Appeal Hearing on September 4, 2019. No evidence in opposition was submitted.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 17, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 18, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 25, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 7, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 2582038034 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Fire Inspector and the Contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance. The Appellant failed to appear for the hearing and did not provide any evidence to waive the fee as originally assessed.

Total assessment due is **\$2,699.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: August 5, 2019 10:15

PACKAGE NO: 2018175004

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 18

NAME: DANA C DENTZEL

MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 280101
NORTHRIDGE CA 91328

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L W. of 12001 North LONGACRE AVE
GRANADA HILLS CA 91344

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2601031029** / INVOICE NO: BC190000179

ASSESSMENT: **\$15,654.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$14,350.00	\$1,304.00	\$15,654.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant felt the fee was too high given his attempts at clearance and thought perhaps the fee included the cost of clearance for land outside of his parcel.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 4, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 16, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on September 27, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 11, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 2601031029 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The boundaries of parcel 2601031029 were identified using the records held by the County Assessor and can be viewed at www.zimas.lacity.org. Despite the Appellant's belief that the fee was too high, it was the lowest price quoted to the Fire Department. The Second Notice of Noncompliance specified that the cost of clearance would be determined later and would be the responsibility of the Appellant.

Despite the Appellant's efforts to clear his parcel, the Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that still existed at the time of clearance. The Appellant provided no evidence to waive or reduce the assessment.

Total assessment due is **\$15,654.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: August 5, 2019 10:15

PACKAGE NO: 2018175003

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 18

NAME: ELIZABETH W DENTZEL

MAILING ADDRESS: 11591 NEWCASTLE AVE
GRANADA HILLS CA 91344

SITUS ADDRESS: 11670 North ZELZAH AVE
GRANDA HILLS CA 91344

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2601032033** / INVOICE NO: BC190000180

ASSESSMENT: **\$7,054.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$5,750.00	\$1,304.00	\$7,054.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant felt the fee was too high given his attempts at clearance and thought perhaps the fee included the cost of clearance for land outside of his parcel.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 29, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 3, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 4, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 18, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 2601032033 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The boundaries of parcel 2601032033 were identified using the records held by the County Assessor and can be viewed at www.zimas.lacity.org. Despite the Appellant's belief that the fee was too high, it was the lowest price quoted to the Fire Department. The Second Notice of Noncompliance specified that the cost of clearance would be determined later and would be the responsibility of the Appellant.

Despite the Appellant's efforts to clear his parcel, the Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that still existed at the time of clearance. The Appellant provided no evidence to waive or reduce the assessment.

Total assessment due is **\$7,054.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 25, 2019 08:45

PACKAGE NO: 2018172010

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 91

NAME: CASCADES WEST LLC

MAILING ADDRESS: 14093 BALBOA BLVD
SYLMAR CA 91342

SITUS ADDRESS: 14093 BALBOA BLVD
LOS ANGELES CA 91342

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2603007031** / INVOICE NO: BC190000191

ASSESSMENT: **\$2,450.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$2,450.00	\$1,304.00	\$2,450.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts that efforts were made to address the cited hazard/s paying two separate companies to clear the parcel prior to Contractor clearance.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 1, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 28, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 8, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 25, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 2603007031 has been confirmed in an amount less than that set forth in the notice.

Despite Appellant's efforts, the Fire Inspector and Contractor provided photographs that show the hazardous conditions at the time of clearance. Since Appellant made substantial efforts to cure the cited violation/s the Administrative Fee is waived and the cost of clearance remains.

Total assessment due is **\$3,754.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: September 4, 2019 08:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018175013

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 18

NAME: FEIGES LOIS TRUST

MAILING ADDRESS: 17166 MIDWOOD DR
GRANADA HILLS CA 91344

SITUS ADDRESS: 17166 MIDWOOD DR
LOS ANGELES CA 91344

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2606017024** / INVOICE NO: BC190000195

ASSESSMENT: **\$950.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$950.00	\$1,304.00	\$950.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts she is a recent widower who never dealt with these issues before and paid to have the brush cleared several times and didn't understand why she wasn't in compliance.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 29, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 18, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 1, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 14, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in part and reduced in part. The record shows that the Fire Inspector made all appearances, mailed and posted notices as legally required, affording Appellant due process. No return mail was received.

The property was shown to be noncompliant at the time of re-inspection for brush clearance requirements for the year 2018. The property failed the initial inspection and re-inspections, requiring the City to contract with a vendor for brush clearance. The Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs showing the conditions before, during and after the clearance. The assessment is for the cost of the brush clearance as bid by the City's vendor and the administration fees for processing and inspections.

In this case, Appellant showed a good faith effort to clear the property several times. While Appellant's lack of understanding of the rules and process do not fully excuse the costs borne by the city, it is recommended that the full clearance costs be charged but the Administrative Fee is to be waived.

Total assessment due is **\$2,254.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 26, 2019 08:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018175020

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 96

NAME: BARRIOS,AMADOR J AND LORENA

MAILING ADDRESS: 21347 CANDICE PL
CHATSWORTH CA 91311

SITUS ADDRESS: 21347 CANDICE PL
LOS ANGELES CA 91311

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2706034012** / INVOICE NO: BC190000200

ASSESSMENT: **\$5,304.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$4,000.00	\$1,304.00	\$5,304.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts that they did some clearance and that they are experiencing financial hardship.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 24, 2018.

There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 25, 2018.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 29, 2018.

The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on December 13, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 2706034012 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

In an effort to factor in the Appellant's claims of financial limitations, a request for tax documents was made. The Appellant was given seven days from the date of their hearing to produce these documents and as of September 9th, 2019, no such documents had been provided.

Despite the Appellant's assertion that the parcel had been cleared in part, the Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of clearance. Appellant did not provide evidence sufficient to waive the fee as originally assessed.

Total assessment due is **\$5,304.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 26, 2019 08:45

PACKAGE NO: 2018175020

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 107

NAME: DESBOROUGH, CHRISTOPHER F

MAILING ADDRESS: 10530 NORTHRIDGE HILL DR
CHATSWORTH CA 91311

SITUS ADDRESS: 10530 NORTHRIDGE HILL DR
LOS ANGELES CA 91311

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2708014008** / INVOICE NO: BC190000201

ASSESSMENT: **\$7,304.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$6,000.00	\$1,304.00	\$7,304.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant asserts that because he did not occupy the cited property at the time citations were issued he did not receive proper notice.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 21, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 22, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 29, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on December 13, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 2708-014-008 has been confirmed for the amount set forth in the initial notice.

At issue is whether notice was sufficiently provided to the Appellant. The record reflects and the Appellant concedes that notice was sent to the Appellant's correct mailing address. No mail was returned. The Appellant provided no evidence of any attempts to notify the Fire Department of a temporary change of address. The Notice to Abate was properly posted on parcel 2708014008 additionally affording Appellant sufficient due process.

The Fire Inspector and the Contractor provided photographs that depict the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance. Appellant did not provide evidence sufficient to waive the fee as originally assessed.

Total assessment due is **\$7,304.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 26, 2019 09:30

PACKAGE NO: 2018175017

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 8

NAME: IVAN D MYERS

MAILING ADDRESS: 11664 PALA MESA DR
PORTER RANCH CA 91326

SITUS ADDRESS: 11664 PALA MESA DR
LOS ANGELES CA 91326

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2822030017** / INVOICE NO: BC190000208

ASSESSMENT: **\$4,854.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$3,550.00	\$1,304.00	\$4,854.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant asserts that the work was partially done but not completed.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on July 2, 2018.

There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 18, 2018.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 8, 2018.

The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 25, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 2822030017 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Appellant received Notice and hired contractors to clear all hazards but they failed to complete the work. The Appellant does not dispute that LAFD Contracted Clearance took place.

Despite the Appellant's efforts to clear the parcel, the Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of clearance. The Appellant provided no evidence to waive or reduce the assessment. Accordingly, the fees as assessed should still stand.

Total assessment due is **\$4,854.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 26, 2019 10:15

PACKAGE NO: 2018175018

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 8

NAME: DANIEL C RODRIGUEZ

MAILING ADDRESS: 19023 RINALDI ST
NORTHRIDGE CA 91326

SITUS ADDRESS: 19023 RINALDI ST
LOS ANGELES CA 91326

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **2871002027** / INVOICE NO: BC190000209

ASSESSMENT: **\$7,804.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$6,500.00	\$1,304.00	\$7,804.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not believe he should have been cited. During the hearing, the Appellant voiced many concerns. Chief among them was his view that the presence of the Fire Department and their Contractors on his property constituted trespass. Additionally, the Appellant asserts hardship as a result of his ill health and limited financial means.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 21, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 10, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 29, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on December 13, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 2871002027 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant and made all notices as legally required. An Initial Notice of Noncompliance was mailed on May 21, 2018, and from that date, The Appellant received three additional notices and had more than six months to cure his parcel of all cited hazards. The Appellant did not dispute receipt of any notice and no mail was returned.

The Appellant took issue with the Fire Department's ability to access his parcel without his prior knowledge and approval. Municipal Code 104.3 states that where a Fire Code Official has reasonable cause to believe that there exists in a building or premises, unsafe, dangerous or hazardous conditions, the Fire Code Official shall have the authority to enter the building or premises at all reasonable times to inspect. For this reason, it is clear that the Fire Department was within their rights to enter and assess whether hazards existed on the Appellant's parcel. Accordingly, the Appellants issue is not grounds to waive the fees associated with clearance and abatement.

The Appellant stated that his ill health and financial status presented as hardships that would make payment unduly burdensome. With this in mind, a request was made for documents that would support the Appellant's claim. None were provided though he did take the time to send additional pictures of his parcel. Accordingly, the fees as assessed should still stand.

Total assessment due is **\$7,804.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: August 12, 2019 08:45

PACKAGE NO: 2018174010

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 94

NAME: 3849 DON TOMASO LLC

MAILING ADDRESS: 00127 N ROBERTSON BLVD
BEVERLY HILLS CA 90211

SITUS ADDRESS: 3849 West Don Tomaso Dr
Baldwin Hills Ca 90008

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5026002007** / INVOICE NO: BC190000260

ASSESSMENT: **\$2,304.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$1,000.00	\$1,304.00	\$2,304.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts they purchased the property on October 11, 2018 and as a result had no notice of the noncompliance notices or bid day inspection. Appellant provide escrow documents showing the close of sale as October 11, 2018.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on August 9, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 12, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 5, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 19, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

Per the escrow documents provided by Appellant, Appellant was able to demonstrate that they did not own the property at the time the noncompliance notices were sent, nor when the final bid day inspection was held. Notices sent to the prior owners were returned to the LAFD as undeliverable. For these reasons, the appeal is granted.

Total assessment due is **\$0.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 14, 2019 09:30

PACKAGE NO: 2018178043

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 47

NAME: GREEN, GEORGE F AND ELIZABETH B

MAILING ADDRESS: 00012 OAKMONT
COTO DE CAZA CA 92679

SITUS ADDRESS: 3105 JOHNSTON ST
LOS ANGELES CA 90031

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5206015002** / INVOICE NO: BC190000271

ASSESSMENT: **\$860.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$860.00	\$1,304.00	\$860.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts financial hardship.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 17, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 24, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 1, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 14, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5206015002 has been confirmed in an amount less than that set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The proposed assessment against property 5206015002 has been confirmed in an amount less than that set forth in the notice.

The Appellants' were physically and financially incapable of clearing the parcel prior to the Compliance Due Date. Accordingly, the Administrative Fee is waived but the cost of clearance remains.

Total assessment due is **\$2,164.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 9, 2019 13:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018178049

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 1

NAME: LADNER,JOHN AND

MAILING ADDRESS: 02780 E OVERLOOK RD
CLEVELAND OH 44106

SITUS ADDRESS: 2458 THOMAS ST
LOS ANGELES CA 90031

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5208028002** / INVOICE NO: BC190000279

ASSESSMENT: **\$5,104.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$3,800.00	\$1,304.00	\$5,104.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant concedes that contractors cleared parcel bringing it into compliance.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 10, 2018.

There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 4, 2018.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 29, 2018.

The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on December 20, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5208028002 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The proposed assessment against property 5208028002 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Appellant has multiple contiguous parcels and does not dispute that Contracted Clearance took place as a result of his failed attempt at compliance.

Despite the Appellant's assertion that he had cleared his parcel, the Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of clearance. The Appellant provided no evidence sufficient enough to waive or reduce the assessment for all of the parcels. Accordingly, the fee as originally assessed stands for parcel 5208028002.

Total assessment due is **\$5,104.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 9, 2019 13:45

PACKAGE NO: 2018178049

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 1

NAME: LADNER,JOHN AND

MAILING ADDRESS: 02780 E OVERLOOK RD
CLEVELAND OH 44106

SITUS ADDRESS: 2452 North Thomas St
Lincoln Heights Ca 90031

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5208028003** / INVOICE NO: BC190000280

ASSESSMENT: **\$2,400.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$2,400.00	\$1,304.00	\$2,400.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant protest of Brush Clearance Fee for 2018.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 8, 2018.

There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 4, 2018.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 29, 2018.

The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on December 20, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5208028003 has been confirmed in an amount lower than previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Appellant has multiple contiguous parcels and does not dispute that Contracted Clearance took place as a result of his failed attempt at compliance.

Despite the Appellant's efforts, the Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of clearance. Accordingly, the Cost of Clearance stands but the Administrative Fee is waived.

Total assessment due is **\$3,704.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 9, 2019 14:30

PACKAGE NO: 2018178049

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 1

NAME: LADNER,JOHN AND

MAILING ADDRESS: 02780 E OVERLOOK RD
CLEVELAND OH 44106

SITUS ADDRESS: 2447 North Alta St
Lincoln Heights Ca 90031

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5208028004** / INVOICE NO: BC190000281

ASSESSMENT: **\$3,704.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$2,400.00	\$1,304.00	\$3,704.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant protest of Brush Clearance Fee for 2018.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 8, 2018.

There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 4, 2018.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 29, 2018.

The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on December 20, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5208028004 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Appellant has multiple contiguous parcels and does not dispute that Contracted Clearance took place as a result of his failed attempt at compliance.

Despite the Appellant's assertion that he had cleared his parcel, the Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of clearance. The Appellant provided no evidence sufficient enough to waive or reduce the assessment for all of the parcels. Accordingly, the fee as originally assessed stands for parcel 5208028004.

Total assessment due is **\$3,704.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 9, 2019 15:15

PACKAGE NO: 2018178049

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 1

NAME: LADNER,JOHN AND

MAILING ADDRESS: 02780 E OVERLOOK RD
CLEVELAND OH 44106

SITUS ADDRESS: 2440 North Thomas St
Lincoln Heights Ca 90031

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5208028005** / INVOICE NO: BC190000282

ASSESSMENT: **\$2,400.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$2,400.00	\$1,304.00	\$2,400.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant protest of Bruch Clearance Fee for 2018.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 7, 2018.

There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 4, 2018.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 29, 2018.

The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on December 20, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5208028005 has been confirmed in an amount lower than previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Appellant has multiple contiguous parcels and does not dispute that Contracted Clearance took place as a result of his failed attempt at compliance.

Despite the Appellant's efforts, the Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of clearance. Accordingly, the Cost of Clearance stands but the Administrative Fee is waived.

Total assessment due is **\$3,704.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 9, 2019 08:45

PACKAGE NO: 2018178029

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 1

NAME: CHENG H LEE

MAILING ADDRESS: 1491 DOLORES STREET
SAN FRANCISCO CA 94110 USA

SITUS ADDRESS: 2810 North EVA TER.
LOS ANGELES CA 90031

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5209004028** / INVOICE NO: BC190000289

ASSESSMENT: **\$6,104.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$4,800.00	\$1,304.00	\$6,104.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts that initial notice was sent to the incorrect address despite their attempt to provide the correct address prior to initial inspection.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 10, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 10, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 4, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 18, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5209004028 has been confirmed for the amount set forth in the initial notice.

At issue is whether notice was sufficiently provided to the Appellant. The Fire Department records reflect initial notice was sent to an address where Appellant no longer dwelled, however the second notice was sent to the correct location and the Notice to Abate was properly posted on parcel 5209004028, affording Appellant sufficient due process. Appellant provided no evidence of any attempts to notify the Fire Department of a change of address.

The Fire Inspector and the Contractor provided photographs that depict the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance. Appellant did not provide evidence sufficient to waive the fee as originally assessed.

Total assessment due is **\$6,104.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 26, 2019 10:15

PACKAGE NO: 2018178025

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 47

NAME: ROJAS, EMILIO A AND MARIA A

MAILING ADDRESS: 14104 BECKNER ST
LA PUENTE CA 91746

SITUS ADDRESS: 2506 North FOREST PARK DR
LOS ANGELES CA 90032

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5209023015** / INVOICE NO: BC190000302

ASSESSMENT: **\$1,704.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$400.00	\$1,304.00	\$1,704.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant purchased the property directly from previous owner in August 2018 and asserts he was unaware of the brush clearance notices and requirements.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 7, 2018.

There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on May 31, 2018.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on September 27, 2018.

The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 11, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

Confirm the assessment for the noncompliance fee as set forth in the notice. At the time of re-inspection, the Fire Inspector deemed the work incomplete.

The Fire Inspector made all appearances, mailed and posted notices as legally required, affording Appellant due process.

In this case, proper due diligence would have alerted Appellant to the pending lien for brush clearance noncompliance. The property was shown to be in noncompliance at the time of re-inspection. The assessed fee is for the cost of the inspections, which automatically attaches when the re-inspection showed the work to be incomplete.

Total assessment due is **\$1,704.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 26, 2019 09:30

PACKAGE NO: 2018178025

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 47

NAME: ROJAS, EMILIO A AND MARIA A

MAILING ADDRESS: 14104 BECKNER ST
LA PUENTE CA 91746

SITUS ADDRESS: 2502 North FOREST PARK DR.
LOS ANGELES CA 90032

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5209023016** / INVOICE NO: BC190000303

ASSESSMENT: **\$1,704.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$400.00	\$1,304.00	\$1,704.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant purchased the property directly from previous owner in August 2018 and asserts he was unaware of the brush clearance notices and requirements.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 8, 2018.

There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on May 31, 2018.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on September 27, 2018.

The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 11, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

Confirm the assessment for the noncompliance fee as set forth in the notice. At the time of re-inspection, the Fire Inspector deemed the work incomplete.

The Fire Inspector made all appearances, mailed and posted notices as legally required, affording Appellant due process.

In this case, proper due diligence would have alerted Appellant to the pending lien for brush clearance noncompliance. The property was shown to be in noncompliance at the time of re-inspection. The assessed fee is for the cost of the inspections, which automatically attaches when the re-inspection showed the work to be incomplete.

Total assessment due is **\$1,704.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: September 4, 2019 10:15

PACKAGE NO: 2018178024

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 47

NAME: GONZALEZ,LILIA AND SANTIAGO

MAILING ADDRESS: 16921 LOUKELTON ST
LA PUENTE CA 91744

SITUS ADDRESS: 2501 North Mallard St
El Sereno Ca 90032

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5209028007** / INVOICE NO: BC190000309

ASSESSMENT: **\$2,279.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$975.00	\$1,304.00	\$2,279.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts they were victims of title fraud shortly after purchasing the property in 2005 and all notices went to an address of the fraudulent party, so that they were unaware of the brush clearance requirements. Appellant provided court documents supporting their claim and have since been able to update the address for notice to themselves.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 8, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 12, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on September 27, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 11, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The Hearing Officer found the evidence and testimony of Appellant to be credible that they could not have received notice or conducted the brush clearance because of the title fraud. Appellant has since cleared the property as required and kept it cleared. For these reasons, the Appellant's appeal is granted.

Total assessment due is **\$0.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: September 9, 2019 08:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018178053

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 47

NAME: PACHECO, RAUL

MAILING ADDRESS: 03610 HARRIMAN AVE
LOS ANGELES CA 90032

SITUS ADDRESS: 3610 HARRIMAN AVE
LOS ANGELES CA 90032

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5213007023** / INVOICE NO: BC190000313

ASSESSMENT: **\$4,294.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$2,990.00	\$1,304.00	\$4,294.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant does not believe that clearance took place on their property.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 11, 2018.

There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 2, 2018.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on December 17, 2018.

The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on December 31, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5213007023 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The boundaries of parcel 5213007023 were identified using the records held by the County Assessor and can be viewed at www.zimas.lacity.org. The Fire Inspector provided satellite photos of the Appellant's parcel that clearly show the cited hazards inside of the bounds of the Appellant's parcel.

The Fire Inspector and the Contractor provided photographs that depict the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance. The Appellant did not provide evidence sufficient to waive the fee as originally assessed.

Total assessment due is **\$4,294.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: September 4, 2019 08:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018178033

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 47

NAME: RFP INVESTMENTS LLC

MAILING ADDRESS: 00618 BREA CANYON RD STE I
DIAMOND BAR CA 91789

SITUS ADDRESS: 4429 East Otero Dr
El Sereno Ca 90032

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5214004010** / INVOICE NO: BC190000316

ASSESSMENT: **\$1,979.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$675.00	\$1,304.00	\$1,979.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the Scheduled Brush Clearance Appeal Hearing on September 4, 2019. No evidence in opposition was submitted.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 21, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 25, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 11, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 25, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5214004010 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Fire Inspector and the Contractor provided photographs that depicted the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance. The Appellant failed to appear for the hearing and did not provide any evidence to waive the fee as originally assessed.

Total assessment due is **\$1,979.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: August 5, 2019 14:30

PACKAGE NO: 2018178035

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 47

NAME: GRANDE,AMANDA TR GRANDE FAMILY TRUST

MAILING ADDRESS: 4318 BEAGLE ST
LOS ANGELES CA 90032

SITUS ADDRESS: 4318 BEAGLE ST
LOS ANGELES CA 90032

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5214005030** / INVOICE NO: BC190000326

ASSESSMENT: **\$6,800.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$6,800.00	\$1,304.00	\$6,800.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts that removal of a dead tree was delayed due to the presence of an eagle's nest. Additionally, Appellant asserted her husband became ill and she had to tend to him, and that he later died and requests a reduction in fees.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 21, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 7, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 11, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 25, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in part and waived in part. The record shows that the Fire Inspector made all appearances, mailed and posted notices as legally required, affording Appellant due process. No return mail was received.

The property was shown to be in noncompliant at the time of re-inspection for brush clearance requirements for the year 2018. The property failed the initial inspection and re-inspections, requiring the City to contract with a vendor for brush clearance. The Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs showing the conditions before, during and after the clearance. The assessment is for the cost of the brush clearance as bid by the City's vendor and the administration fees for processing and inspections. In this case, extenuating circumstances delayed the removal of the tree, so it is the recommendation of the Hearing Officer that the Administrative Fees be waived and that the cost of the brush clearance be upheld as the responsibility of the Appellant.

Total assessment due is **\$8,104.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: September 4, 2019 08:45

PACKAGE NO: 2018178037

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 47

NAME: TEKLETSION, TESHOME CO TR TEKLETSION AND AKLILE TRUST

MAILING ADDRESS: 17722 THORNLAKE AVE
ARTESIA CA 90701

SITUS ADDRESS: 4446 East Otero Dr
El Sereno Ca 90032

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5214010022** / INVOICE NO: BC190000333

ASSESSMENT: **\$350.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$350.00	\$1,304.00	\$350.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts he bought the property at the county tax lien sale and thought they would show him the location but didn't. Appellant stated that he attempted to get it surveyed but the cost was too high but eventually someone helped him locate the property lines so now he knows what he is responsible for.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 21, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 18, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 18, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 1, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in part and reduced in part. The record shows that the Fire Inspector made all appearances, mailed and posted notices as legally required, affording Appellant due process. No return mail was received.

The property was shown to be noncompliant at the time of re-inspection for brush clearance requirements for the year 2018. The property failed the initial inspection and re-inspections, requiring the City to contract with a vendor for brush clearance. The Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs showing the conditions before, during and after the clearance. The assessment is for the cost of the brush clearance as bid by the City's vendor and the administration fees for processing and inspections.

In this case, the Hearing Officer found the Appellant's claims to be credible that he made a good faith effort to locate the property but was unable to before the due dates. As such, and because of the low cost of the brush clearance, those costs are recommended to be paid by Appellant, while the Administrative Fees are to be waived.

Total assessment due is **\$1,654.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 27, 2019 08:45

PACKAGE NO: 2018178041

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 47

NAME: LOPEZ,JOSE

MAILING ADDRESS: 04526 CARTER DR
LOS ANGELES CA 90032 USA

SITUS ADDRESS: 4526 CARTER DR
LOS ANGELES CA 90032

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5214013005** / INVOICE NO: BC190000337

ASSESSMENT: **\$350.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$350.00	\$1,304.00	\$350.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the Scheduled Brush Clearance Appeal Hearing on June 27, 2019. No evidence in opposition was submitted.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 24, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 18, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 25, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 7, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5214013005 has been confirmed in an amount lower than previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellants with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Appellant failed to appear for the hearing but upon review of the Fire Inspector's notes, it was clear that in response to the Second Notice of Noncompliance, the Appellant had cleared the majority of the parcel prior to the Contractor's arrival. Accordingly, the Administrative Fee has been waived but the Cost of Clearance remains.

Total assessment due is **\$0.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: August 5, 2019 13:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018178052

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 16

NAME: JUAN J URBINA

MAILING ADDRESS: 2611 ROUND DR
LOS ANGELES CA 90032

SITUS ADDRESS: 2611 North ROUND DR
LOS ANGELES CA 90032

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5217015001** / INVOICE NO: BC190000343

ASSESSMENT: **\$14,254.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$12,950.00	\$1,304.00	\$14,254.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts that the neighbors should pay for the work that was done since it was neighbor complaints that brought the tree to the attention of the Fire Inspector.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on November 5, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on November 27, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on December 13, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on December 29, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5217015001 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous condition that existed on the Appellant's property at the time of clearance. According to the applicable municipal code, it is the Appellant's responsibility to abate all hazards that exist on their property regardless of how the hazard was identified. The Appellant stated that despite receipt of each Notice to Abate and his clear understanding of the hazard being cited, he made no efforts towards reducing or mitigating the hazardous condition that existed on his property. The Appellant provided no evidence sufficient to waive or reduce the fee as originally assessed.

Total assessment due is **\$14,254.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 27, 2019 08:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018178048

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 47

NAME: CHRISTIE A RAINEY

MAILING ADDRESS: 1126 STONE ST
LOS ANGELES CA 90063

SITUS ADDRESS: 3015 PYRITES ST
LOS ANGELES CA 90032

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5305021004** / INVOICE NO: BC190000361

ASSESSMENT: **\$900.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$900.00	\$1,304.00	\$900.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts that notice was never received and that the fees as assessed would present a hardship for the family.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 21, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 13, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 29, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on December 13, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5305021004 has been confirmed in an amount less than that set forth in the notice. The Fire Department records reflect a failure to provide Appellant with sufficient notice having sent each notice to an incorrect address.

Appellant understands that it is the responsibility of the land owner to keep the land clear of hazards year round. In 2018 this was not done in a timely fashion in part due to improper notice. Accordingly, the Cost of Clearance stands but the Administrative Fee is waived.

Total assessment due is **\$2,204.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 25, 2019 13:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018171017

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 20

NAME: KTT INVESTMENTS LLC

MAILING ADDRESS: 00028 N 3RD ST # B203
ALHAMBRA CA 91801

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L AT 2244 AARON ST
LOS ANGELES CA 90026

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5423007003** / INVOICE NO: BC190000376

ASSESSMENT: **\$7,904.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$6,600.00	\$1,304.00	\$7,904.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts they do regular brush clearance, but the property is sloped and difficult to work, so more time is needed. Appellant further asserts the bill is outrageous and that they only recently received a notice of noncompliance.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 4, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 10, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 29, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on December 13, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The record shows that the Fire Inspector made all appearances, mailed and posted notices as legally required, affording Appellant due process. No return mail was received.

The property was shown to be in noncompliant at the time of re-inspection for brush clearance requirements for the year 2018. The property failed the initial inspection and re-inspections, requiring the City to contract with a vendor for brush clearance. The Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs showing the conditions before, during and after the clearance. The assessment is for the cost of the brush clearance as bid by the City's vendor and the Administration Fees for processing and inspections.

Total assessment due is **\$7,904.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 25, 2019 09:30

PACKAGE NO: 2018171006

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 20

NAME: ELYSIAN SUMMIT LLC

MAILING ADDRESS: 4150 GARDEN AVE
LOS ANGELES CA 90039

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L ABOVE LANDA ST.,
LOS ANGELES, CA 90026

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5443022007** / INVOICE NO: BC190000391

ASSESSMENT: **\$1,604.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$300.00	\$1,304.00	\$1,604.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the Scheduled Brush Clearance Appeal Hearing on June 25, 2019. No evidence in opposition was submitted.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 17, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 14, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 11, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 25, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5443022007 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Fire Inspector and the Contractor provided photographs that depicted the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance. The Appellant failed to appear for the hearing and did not provide any evidence to waive the fee as originally assessed.

Total assessment due is **\$1,604.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 25, 2019 10:15

PACKAGE NO: 2018171006

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 20

NAME: David Chaney

MAILING ADDRESS: 2454 valentine street
Los Angeles CA 90026 United States

SITUS ADDRESS: 1560 West Landa St
Lincoln Heights Ca 90031

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5443022008** / INVOICE NO: BC190000392

ASSESSMENT: **\$1,604.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$300.00	\$1,304.00	\$1,604.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the Scheduled Brush Clearance Appeal Hearing on June 25, 2019. No evidence in opposition was submitted.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 17, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 14, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 11, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 25, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5443022008 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Fire Inspector and the Contractor provided photographs that depicted the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance. The Appellant failed to appear for the hearing and did not provide any evidence to waive the fee as originally assessed.

Total assessment due is **\$1,604.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 9, 2019 13:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018171004

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 56

NAME: GIGUERE,DAN C

MAILING ADDRESS: 00000 PO BOX 448
LITTLE ROCK CA 93543

SITUS ADDRESS: 19395 West ROSEBUD AVE
LOS ANGELES CA 9003

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5443034027** / INVOICE NO: BC190000397

ASSESSMENT: **\$250.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$250.00	\$1,304.00	\$250.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant made substantial efforts to clear the cited hazards and did not realize he was still noncompliant.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 29, 2018.

There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 22, 2018.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on September 27, 2018.

The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 11, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5443034027 has been confirmed in an amount less than that set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

Appellant understands that it is the responsibility of the landowner to keep the land clear of hazards year-round and will extend his already considerable efforts to the entirety of the property, moving forward. Accordingly, the Cost of Clearance stands but the Administrative Fee is waived.

Total assessment due is **\$1,554.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 9, 2019 13:45

PACKAGE NO: 2018171004

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 56

NAME: GIGUERE,DAN C

MAILING ADDRESS: 00000 PO BOX 448
LITTLE ROCK CA 93543

SITUS ADDRESS: 1933 West ROSEBUD AVE
LOS ANGELES CA 90039

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5443034028** / INVOICE NO: BC190000398

ASSESSMENT: **\$250.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$250.00	\$1,304.00	\$250.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts that efforts had been made to clear the parcel but due to the heavy rain was unable to keep up with the new growth.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 29, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 22, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on September 27, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 11, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5443034028 has been confirmed in an amount less than that set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

Appellant understands that it is the responsibility of the landowner to keep the land clear of hazards year-round and will extend his already considerable efforts to the entirety of the property, continuously, moving forward. Accordingly, the Cost of Clearance stands but the Administrative Fee is waived.

Total assessment due is **\$1,554.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 15, 2019 09:30

PACKAGE NO: 2018171020

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 56

NAME: Tuyen D. Lecong

MAILING ADDRESS: 11823 Quartz Circle
Fountain Valley CA 92708 United States

SITUS ADDRESS: 1920 West Sunflower Av
Los Angeles Ca 90039

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5443034033** / INVOICE NO: BC190000399

ASSESSMENT: **\$1,904.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$600.00	\$1,304.00	\$1,904.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant asserts that they did not receive notice until after the Compliance Due Date and as such should not be liable for expenses associated with clearance.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 18, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 13, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 29, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on December 13, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5443034033 has been confirmed for the amount set forth in the initial notice.

At issue is whether notice was sufficiently provided to the Appellant. The Fire Department mailed and posted notice as legally required however due to a complicated issue of co-ownership, the representative Appellant did not receive the notice until his co-owner sent it to him, well after the date of compliance had passed. Because notice was mailed to an owner of record, and because the Notice to Abate was properly posted on parcel 5443034033 it can not be said that the Appellant and all interested parties were not afforded sufficient due process.

The Fire Inspector and the Contractor provided photographs that depict the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance. The Appellant did not provide evidence sufficient to waive the fee as originally assessed.

Total assessment due is **\$1,904.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 15, 2019 08:45

PACKAGE NO: 2018171020

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 56

NAME: Tuyen D. Lecong

MAILING ADDRESS: 11823 Quartz Circle
Fountain Valley CA 92708 United States

SITUS ADDRESS: 1918 West Sunflower Av
Los Angeles Ca 90039

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5443034036** / INVOICE NO: BC190000402

ASSESSMENT: **\$3,104.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$1,800.00	\$1,304.00	\$3,104.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant asserts that they did not receive notice until after the Compliance Due Date and as such should not be liable for expenses associated with clearance.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 18, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 13, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 29, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on December 13, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5443034036 has been confirmed for the amount set forth in the initial notice.

At issue is whether notice was sufficiently provided to the Appellant. The Fire Department mailed and posted notice as legally required however due to a complicated issue of co-ownership, the representative Appellant did not receive the notice until his co-owner sent it to him, well after the date of compliance had passed. Because notice was mailed to an owner of record, and because the Notice to Abate was properly posted on parcel 5443034036 it can not be said that the Appellant and all interested parties were not afforded sufficient due process.

The Fire Inspector and the Contractor provided photographs that depict the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance. The Appellant did not provide evidence sufficient to waive the fee as originally assessed.

Total assessment due is **\$3,104.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 15, 2019 13:45

PACKAGE NO: 2018171007

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 50

NAME: ZHU,HONGBO

MAILING ADDRESS: 11302 CLOVER GREEN LN
HOUSTON TX 77067

SITUS ADDRESS: 3564 North THE PASEO DR
LOS ANGELES CA 90065

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5460015024** / INVOICE NO: BC190000426

ASSESSMENT: **\$1,604.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$300.00	\$1,304.00	\$1,604.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts she recently purchased the property and did not receive previous notices, nor did the previous owner whom Appellant has a business relationship with. Appellant asserts financial hardship and lack of notice for failing to clear the property as required.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on July 18, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 30, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 11, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 25, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The record shows that the Fire Inspector made all appearances, mailed and posted notices as legally required, affording Appellant due process.

Upon receiving return mail, the LAFD sent notices to Appellant's address in Texas, which was confirmed by Appellant's driver's license which she produced at the hearing. Appellant has since changed her mailing address again, and future notices will be sent to that address.

The property was shown to be in noncompliant at the time of re-inspection for brush clearance requirements for the year 2018. The property failed the initial inspection and several re-inspections, requiring the City to contract with a vendor for brush clearance. The Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs showing the conditions before, during and after the clearance. The assessment is for the cost of the brush clearance as bid by the City's vendor and the Administration Fees for processing and inspections.

Total assessment due is **\$1,604.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 15, 2019 14:30

PACKAGE NO: 2018171007

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 50

NAME: ZHU,HONGBO

MAILING ADDRESS: 11302 CLOVER GREEN LN
HOUSTON TX 77067

SITUS ADDRESS: 3568 North THE PASEO DR.
LOS ANGELES CA 90065

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5460015025** / INVOICE NO: BC190000427

ASSESSMENT: **\$1,604.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$300.00	\$1,304.00	\$1,604.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts she recently purchased the property and did not receive previous notices, nor did the previous owner whom Appellant has a business relationship with. Appellant asserts financial hardship and lack of notice for failing to clear the property as required.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on July 18, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 30, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 11, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 25, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The record shows that the Fire Inspector made all appearances, mailed and posted notices as legally required, affording Appellant due process.

Upon receiving return mail, the LAFD sent notices to Appellant's address in Texas, which was confirmed by Appellant's driver's license which she produced at the hearing. Appellant has since changed her mailing address again, and future notices will be sent to that address.

The property was shown to be in noncompliant at the time of re-inspection for brush clearance requirements for the year 2018. The property failed the initial inspection and several re-inspections, requiring the City to contract with a vendor for brush clearance. The Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs showing the conditions before, during and after the clearance. The assessment is for the cost of the brush clearance as bid by the City's vendor and the Administration Fees for processing and inspections.

Total assessment due is **\$1,604.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 15, 2019 15:15

PACKAGE NO: 2018171007

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 50

NAME: ZHU,HONGBO

MAILING ADDRESS: 11302 CLOVER GREEN LN
HOUSTON TX 77067

SITUS ADDRESS: 3576 North THE PASEO AVE
LOS ANGELES CA 90065

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5460015026** / INVOICE NO: BC190000428

ASSESSMENT: **\$1,604.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$300.00	\$1,304.00	\$1,604.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts she recently purchased the property and did not receive previous notices, nor did the previous owner whom Appellant has a business relationship with. Appellant asserts financial hardship and lack of notice for failing to clear the property as required.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on July 18, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 30, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 11, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 25, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The record shows that the Fire Inspector made all appearances, mailed and posted notices as legally required, affording Appellant due process.

Upon receiving return mail, the LAFD sent notices to Appellant's address in Texas, which was confirmed by Appellant's driver's license which she produced at the hearing. Appellant has since changed her mailing address again, and future notices will be sent to that address.

The property was shown to be in noncompliant at the time of re-inspection for brush clearance requirements for the year 2018. The property failed the initial inspection and several re-inspections, requiring the City to contract with a vendor for brush clearance. The Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs showing the conditions before, during and after the clearance. The assessment is for the cost of the brush clearance as bid by the City's vendor and the administration fees for processing and inspections.

Total assessment due is **\$1,604.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 15, 2019 13:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018171010

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 50

NAME: ZHU,HONGBO

MAILING ADDRESS: 11302 CLOVER GREEN LN
HOUSTON TX 77067

SITUS ADDRESS: 3600 North THE PASEO DR.
LOS ANGELES CA 90065

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5460015027** / INVOICE NO: BC190000429

ASSESSMENT: **\$1,604.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$300.00	\$1,304.00	\$1,604.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts she recently purchased the property and did not receive previous notices, nor did the previous owner whom Appellant has a business relationship with. Appellant asserts financial hardship and lack of notice for failing to clear the property as required.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on July 18, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 30, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 25, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 7, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The record shows that the Fire Inspector made all appearances, mailed and posted notices as legally required, affording Appellant due process.

Upon receiving return mail, the LAFD sent notices to Appellant's address in Texas, which was confirmed by Appellant's driver's license which she produced at the hearing. Appellant has since changed her mailing address again, and future notices will be sent to that address.

The property was shown to be in noncompliant at the time of re-inspection for brush clearance requirements for the year 2018. The property failed the initial inspection and several re-inspections, requiring the City to contract with a vendor for brush clearance. The Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs showing the conditions before, during and after the clearance. The assessment is for the cost of the brush clearance as bid by the City's vendor and the Administration Fees for processing and inspections.

Total assessment due is **\$1,604.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 24, 2019 13:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018182027

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 55

NAME: TATEVOSYAN, ANDRANIK

MAILING ADDRESS: 01112 ADAMS ST APT 3
GLENDALE CA 91205 USA

SITUS ADDRESS: 3808 North BARRYKNOLL DR.
LOS ANGELES CA 90065

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5460023021** / INVOICE NO: BC190000435

ASSESSMENT: **\$2,144.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$840.00	\$1,304.00	\$2,144.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant acknowledges receipt of notice and his failure to comply. At time of noncompliance, Appellant assumed that the cost of clearance would be approximately \$400. Appellant's issue is that the amount assessed is in excess of the amount he assumed would be due.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on December 6, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on . A work order was prepared and the property was posted on December 13, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on December 29, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5460023021 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of clearance. The Appellant provided no evidence to waive or reduce the amount assessed.

Total assessment due is **\$2,144.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: September 9, 2019 08:45

PACKAGE NO: 2018182020

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 44

NAME: SMITH,JORDAN

MAILING ADDRESS: 01115 W SUNSET BLVD UNIT 612
LOS ANGELES CA 90012

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L 4337 East Glenmuir Av
Mount Washington Ca 90065

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5465011008** / INVOICE NO: BC190000449

ASSESSMENT: **\$1,304.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$0.00	\$1,304.00	\$1,304.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant requested relief as he was a new owner and did not fully appreciate the extent of work that needed to be done.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 4, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 28, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 1, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 14, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5465011008 has been confirmed in an amount lower than previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Appellant did not dispute that citations were issued and received or that his parcel was in fact in violation. The Fire Inspector provided photographs of the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of clearance however based on the photographs provided by the contractors, it is unclear whether the contractors cleared the correct parcel. Accordingly, the fees associated with the violation should stand but the Cost of Clearance should be waived.

Total assessment due is **\$1,304.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: August 5, 2019 13:45

PACKAGE NO: 2018182017

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 44

NAME: ANNICK HAMON

MAILING ADDRESS: 6251 CHURCH ST
LOS ANGELES CA 90042

SITUS ADDRESS: 466 North Quail Dt
Glassell Park Ca 90065

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5466020022** / INVOICE NO: BC190000451

ASSESSMENT: **\$420.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$420.00	\$1,304.00	\$420.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts he has owned the land for many years and has kept it clear. Appellant asserts any failure to clear it may have been the result of being unable to identify the property boundaries onsite and that he found the LAFD's notices to be confusing.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 31, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 25, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 25, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 7, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in part and reduced in part. The record shows that the Fire Inspector made all appearances, mailed and posted notices as legally required, affording Appellant due process. No return mail was received.

The property was shown to be noncompliant at the time of re-inspection for brush clearance requirements for the year 2018. The property failed the initial inspection and re-inspections, requiring the City to contract with a vendor for brush clearance. The Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs showing the conditions before, during and after the clearance. The assessment is for the cost of the brush clearance as bid by the City's vendor and the administration fees for processing and inspections.

In this case, the Appellant could not show that her hired landscaper achieved compliance prior to the City's contractor completing the work. However, Appellant did show financial hardship and will be selling the property, thus, in the interests of justice, the Administrative Fees are recommended to be waived.

Total assessment due is **\$1,724.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 26, 2019 08:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018178047

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 12

NAME: HOLMES, LEIGH

MAILING ADDRESS: 29 26TH AVENUE
VENICE CA 90291 USA

SITUS ADDRESS: 5835 East EATON ST
LOS ANGELES CA 90032

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5485018008** / INVOICE NO: BC190000459

ASSESSMENT: **\$3,719.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$2,415.00	\$1,304.00	\$3,719.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts that they cleared the parcel after receipt of the initial notice.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on August 31, 2018.

There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 12, 2018.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 8, 2018.

The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 25, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5485018008 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

Despite the Appellant's assertion that clearance had taken place, the Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of clearance. The Appellant provided no evidence to waive or reduce the assessment.

Total assessment due is **\$3,719.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 26, 2019 08:45

PACKAGE NO: 2018178047

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 12

NAME: HOLMES, LEIGH

MAILING ADDRESS: 29 26TH AVENUE
VENICE CA 90291 USA

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L S. of 5904 East GREAT OAK CIR
LOS ANGELES CA 90042

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5486002009** / INVOICE NO: BC190000465

ASSESSMENT: **\$9,244.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$7,940.00	\$1,304.00	\$9,244.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts that they cleared the property after receipt of the initial notice.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on August 31, 2018.

There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 12, 2018.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 8, 2018.

The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 25, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5486002009 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

Despite the Appellant's assertion that he had cleared his parcel, the Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of clearance. The Appellant provided no evidence to waive or reduce the assessment.

Total assessment due is **\$9,244.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 9, 2019 08:45

PACKAGE NO: 2018151010

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 41

NAME: GUPTA, SUNIT K

MAILING ADDRESS: 00000 PO BOX 1028
POMONA CA 91769

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L South of 8576 West Cole Crest Dr
North Hollywood Ca 90046

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5556015014** / INVOICE NO: BC190000473

ASSESSMENT: **\$450.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$450.00	\$1,304.00	\$450.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant declared hardship and provided financial documents as well as medical records to support the claim.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 21, 2018.

There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 18, 2018.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 11, 2018.

The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 25, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5556015014 has been confirmed in an amount lower than previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellants with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Appellants do not dispute that Contracted Clearance took place and instead assert that ill health precluded timely abatement. Indeed the Appellants made an effort to comply but their hired contractor failed to completely cure all the hazards. Based on medical records and financial documents provided by the Appellants, their efforts are commendable despite their insufficiency.

Despite the Appellant's efforts, the Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of clearance. Accordingly, the Cost of Clearance stands but the Administrative Fee is waived.

Total assessment due is **\$1,754.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 24, 2019 13:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018151011

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 41

NAME: MOATAMER, MAHTAB AND

MAILING ADDRESS: 00061 BLAZEWOOD
FOOTHILL RANCH CA 92610

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L N. of 1737 North QUEEN COURT
LOS ANGELES CA 90069

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5556015018** / INVOICE NO: BC190000475

ASSESSMENT: **\$2,304.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$1,000.00	\$1,304.00	\$2,304.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the schedule Brush Hearing. Appellant's written appeal claimed lack of notice and difficult access to the property.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 29, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 25, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 11, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 25, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against the property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice to Appellant. The Fire Department records reflect that Appellant was afforded due process and all of the notices were mailed, and the property posted with the Notice to Abate a Nuisance and Fire Hazard as legally required. No return mail was received.

The Fire Inspector and City Contractor provided photographs that depicted the hazardous condition in existence at the time of clearing. The Appellant failed to appear for the hearing and did not provide any evidence to waive the assessment.

Total assessment due is **\$2,304.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 9, 2019 08:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018151011

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 41

NAME: EUN Sung

MAILING ADDRESS: 3001 North Broadway ST 31442
Los Angeles CA 90031 United States

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L North of 1690 North Mountcrest Ave
West Hollywood Ca 90069

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5556015046** / INVOICE NO: BC190000476

ASSESSMENT: **\$1,804.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$500.00	\$1,304.00	\$1,804.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the Scheduled Brush Clearance Appeal Hearing on July 9, 2019. No evidence in opposition was submitted.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 21, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 18, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 11, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 25, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5556015046 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Fire Inspector and the Contractor provided photographs that depicted the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance. The Appellant failed to appear for the hearing and did not provide any evidence to waive the fee as originally assessed.

Total assessment due is **\$1,804.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: June 24, 2019 13:45

PACKAGE NO: 2018151002

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 41

NAME: BONNIE GREENE
MAILING ADDRESS: 8847 EVANVIEW DR
LOS ANGELES CA 90069

SITUS ADDRESS: 8847 EVANVIEW DR
LOS ANGELES CA 90069

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5558006003** / INVOICE NO: BC190000480

ASSESSMENT: **\$2,304.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$1,000.00	\$1,304.00	\$2,304.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the schedule Brush Hearing. Appellant claimed in appeal letter that she didn't receive notice.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 21, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 12, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 4, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 18, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against the property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice to Appellant. The Fire Department records reflect that Appellant was afforded due process and all of the notices were mailed, and the property posted with the Notice to Abate a Nuisance and Fire Hazard as legally required. No return mail was received.

The Fire Inspector and City Contractor provided photographs that depicted the hazardous condition in existence at the time of clearing. The Appellant failed to appear for the hearing and did not provide any evidence to waive the assessment.

Total assessment due is **\$2,304.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 9, 2019 10:15

PACKAGE NO: 2018151012

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 41

NAME: HH PROPERTIES LP

MAILING ADDRESS: 00000 PO BOX 762
BEVERLY HILLS CA 90213

SITUS ADDRESS: 8787 West Hollywood Bl
West Hollywood Ca 90069

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5558017025** / INVOICE NO: BC190000483

ASSESSMENT: **\$1,954.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$650.00	\$1,304.00	\$1,954.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the Scheduled Brush Clearance Appeal Hearing on July 9, 2019. No evidence in opposition was submitted.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 21, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 12, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 11, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 25, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5558017025 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Fire Inspector and the Contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance. The Appellant failed to appear for the hearing and did not provide any evidence to waive the fee as originally assessed.

Total assessment due is **\$1,954.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: August 5, 2019 09:30

PACKAGE NO: 2018151012

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 41

NAME: SABETI, MONA

MAILING ADDRESS: 08601 HOLLYWOOD BLVD
LOS ANGELES CA 90069

SITUS ADDRESS: 8601 HOLLYWOOD BLVD
LOS ANGELES CA 90069

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5558020017** / INVOICE NO: BC190000484

ASSESSMENT: **\$2,704.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$1,400.00	\$1,304.00	\$2,704.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts mail theft prevented her from receiving the notices, however, Appellant admits she received the first noncompliance notice.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 21, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 18, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 11, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 25, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the assessment for the noncompliance fee as set forth in the notice be confirmed. At the time of re-inspection, the Fire Inspector deemed the work incomplete.

The Appellant provided no substantive evidence in support of the appeal.

The record shows that the Fire Inspector made all appearances, mailed and posted notices as legally required, affording Appellant due process. No return mail was received. Property owners are responsible to notify the County Assessor of any change of address for notices. The County Assessor's property deed map information was used to determine the property boundaries subject to inspection and can be found at zimas.lacity.org.

The property was shown to be in noncompliance at the time of re-inspection for brush clearance requirements for the year 2018. The assessed fee is not a penalty for failing to do the work, it is for the cost of the inspections, which automatically attaches when the re-inspection showed the work to be incomplete.

Total assessment due is **\$2,704.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: July 9, 2019 09:30

PACKAGE NO: 2018151008

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 41

NAME: HG 2013 LLC

MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 49976
LOS ANGELES CA 90049

SITUS ADDRESS: 8555 HEDGES PL
LOS ANGELES CA 90069

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5559015002** / INVOICE NO: BC190000486

ASSESSMENT: **\$9,704.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$8,400.00	\$1,304.00	\$9,704.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant owner sent a representative to hearing to make sense of the citations.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 21, 2018.
There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 18, 2018.
A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 11, 2018.
The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 25, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5559015002 has been confirmed in the amount previously set forth in the notice. The Fire Department has shown that due process was afforded the Appellant with all notices being sent and posted to the property as legally required. No mail was returned.

The Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of clearance. The Appellant provided no evidence to waive or reduce the assessment.

Total assessment due is **\$9,704.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: August 12, 2019 10:15

PACKAGE NO: 2018151008

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 41

NAME: GARY R CARLSON

MAILING ADDRESS: 1240 S WESTLAKE BLVD 205
WESTLAKE VILLAGE CA 91361

SITUS ADDRESS: 8640 METZ PL
LOS ANGELES CA 90069

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5559017004** / INVOICE NO: BC190000488

ASSESSMENT: **\$4,304.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$3,000.00	\$1,304.00	\$4,304.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant asserts they received none of the notices regarding noncompliance and they always take care of things right away.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 14, 2018.

There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 12, 2018.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 11, 2018.

The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 25, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The record shows that the Fire Inspector made all appearances, mailed and posted notices as legally required, affording Appellant due process. No return mail was received.

The property was shown to be in noncompliant at the time of re-inspection for brush clearance requirements for the year 2018. The property failed the initial inspection and re-inspections, requiring the City to contract with a vendor for brush clearance. The Fire Inspector and contractor provided photographs showing the conditions before, during and after the clearance. The assessment is for the cost of the brush clearance as bid by the City's vendor and the administration fees for processing and inspections.

Total assessment due is **\$4,304.00**

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR
2018 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: September 19, 2019 10:00

PACKAGE NO: 2018179019

COUNCIL DISTRICT: FS 82

NAME: ARNEZEDER,NORA

MAILING ADDRESS: 03351 DERONDA DR
LOS ANGELES CA 90068

SITUS ADDRESS: 3351 DERONDA DR
LOS ANGELES CA 90068

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: **5581023017** / INVOICE NO: BC190000509

ASSESSMENT: **\$6,104.00**

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment Amount
\$4,800.00	\$1,304.00	\$6,104.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellants assert that due to their busy schedules and construction on their home, they don't receive a large portion of their mail so they were unaware of there 2018 clearance citations.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 11, 2018. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 27, 2018. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 29, 2018. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on December 20, 2018. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against property 5581023017 has been confirmed for the amount set forth in the initial notice.

At issue is whether notice was sufficiently provided to the Appellant. The record reflects and the Appellant concedes that notice was sent to the Appellant's correct mailing address. No mail was returned. The Notice to Abate was properly posted on parcel 5581023017 further ensuring that the Appellants received sufficient due process. Additionally, each notice mailed to the Appellants specified that the Appellants could check their property status at www.vms3.lafd.org.

The Fire Inspector and the Contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance. Appellant did not provide evidence sufficient to waive the fee as originally assessed.

Total assessment due is **\$6,104.00**