

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange (the "Township") issued a Summons for a variety of violations of the Township's property maintenance ordinances related to the condition of the premises located at 76 Riggs Place, West Orange, New Jersey (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property required substantial landscaping and installation of a fence around the Property; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the Property (the "Owner") was issued the Summons for the violations and appeared before the West Orange Municipal Court (the "Court") to adjudicate the violations; and

WHEREAS, the Owner advised the Court that he would abate the violations related to the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Owner, however, failed to remediate the condition of the Property to abate all of the violations on the Property to meet the requirements of the Township's property maintenance ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Township implemented the Department of Public Works (the "DPW") to remediate to condition of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Township incurred a cost of approximately \$1,933 to remediate the condition of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the itemized bill for the remediation of the Property, a copy of which is annexed hereto as **Exhibit A**, reflects that the total cost of the work performed at the Property by the DPW; and

WHEREAS, the Township incurred legal fees in the amount of \$312.50 to seek a lien of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks reimbursement for the costs and expenses incurred to abate the violations; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67(a)(1) authorizes the Township charge interest on the lien at a rate of eight percent (8%) on the first \$1,500 of the lien and eighteen percent (18%) on the amount of the lien above the first \$1,500.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange that a lien in the amount of \$2,245.50 shall be placed against 76 Riggs Place, West Orange for the cost of services required to remediate the condition of the Property and for the legal fees incurred by the Township; and be it further

RESOLVED that the lien shall accrue interest at a rate of eight percent (8%) on the first \$1,500 of the lien and eighteen percent (18%) on the amount of the lien above the first \$1,500; and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be made available in the Clerk's office in accordance with applicable law.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

Michelle Casalino
Council President

Adopted: April 14, 2020