

CITY OF ONTARIO

Agenda Report
July 7, 2026

SECTION:
CONSENT CALENDAR

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SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION FOR PLACEMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY TAX ROLLS

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt a Resolution for recovery of fees and costs incurred in abating property and dangerous building violations, as well as administrative citations and civil penalties associated with property maintenance violations, and placing assessments on the San Bernardino County Tax Rolls.

THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL GOALS ARE BEING ACHIEVED:

Operate in a Businesslike Manner

Focus Resources in Ontario's Commercial and Residential Neighborhoods

FISCAL IMPACT: The levy of special assessments will result in the recovery of \$320,146.15 in costs that the City has expended for inspection or abatement of property violations, as well as the collection of \$233,346.00 associated with civil penalties and/or fines for continued violations, for a total of \$553,492.15 related to 844 parcels. When received, these reimbursements will be deposited into the General Fund. The Fiscal Year 2026-27 Adopted Budget includes special assessment revenue in the General Fund for these types of levies.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS: The City has established administrative citations and fines for property maintenance violations and fees and penalties associated with the Systematic Health and Safety Inspection Program, Abandoned and Distressed Property Program, and the Weed and Refuse Abatement Program. These costs, fines, fees, and penalties are recovered through placement of special tax assessments upon the properties. The placement of special assessments and collection of revenue is done under Ordinance 3046, Property Appearance (Title 5, Chapter 22 of the Ontario Municipal Code); Chapter 9 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings; and Ordinance 2920 for civil penalties for continued violations of the Ontario Municipal Code and fines associated with administrative citations (Title 1, Chapters 2 and 5 of the Ontario Municipal Code). The City and the County of San Bernardino currently have a contractual agreement regarding the implementation of special assessments; however, a Resolution authorizing the placement of the specific assessments is required. During this assessment cycle, the Community Improvement Department has billed property owners for: the abatement of violations; the issuance of fines associated with administrative citation; the issuance of fees and penalties

associated with the Systematic Health and Safety Inspection Program; the issuance of registration fees and civil penalties associated with the Abandoned and Distressed Property Program; the issuance of notice and re-inspection fees; and civil penalties for the Weed and Refuse Abatement Program on 4,644 parcels. Of these, there are remaining amounts due on 844 parcels. Attached are itemized accounts that include: 1) costs associated with inspection or abatement as shown in Exhibit A of the Resolution; 2) civil penalties and/or fines for continued violations as shown in Exhibit B of the Resolution; and 3) total amounts per parcel as shown in Exhibit C of the Resolution. The expenditure list, including all corrections, adjustments, and payments received prior to July 31, 2026, will be submitted to the County prior to the August 10th, 2026, deadline for its 2026/2027 tax rolls. All affected property owners were given notice of the imposition of special assessments via certified mail as provided in Ontario Municipal Code Section 1-4.05(a) and have either not requested an appeal or have exhausted the appellate procedure in Ontario Municipal Code Section 1-4.05(b).