

**CITY OF YUCAIPA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Paul Toomey, Director of Community Development
FOR: City Council Meeting of October 10, 2016
SUBJECT: Request for Release of Code Enforcement Lien/Waiver of Fines

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council:

- 1) Consider releasing code enforcement liens and waiving, reducing, or modifying in some manner the civil fines and penalties levied on the property as a result of uncorrected Municipal Code violations located at 35684 Sierra Lane; and
- 2) **Consider that any waiver granted by City Council exclude the costs associated with staff time accrued to date and include a condition requiring the building rehabilitation/removal to occur within six (6) months or the City will initiate an abatement procedure.**

BACKGROUND:

On June 9, 2008, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 283, which established procedures governing the imposition, enforcement, review, and collection of penalties for violations of the Yucaipa Municipal Code. In accordance with the adopted procedures, each unpaid civil fine is assessed a 10% penalty fee applicable to fines unpaid after the due date, and collects interest at a rate of 10% per year until it is paid in full.

DISCUSSION:

The single family residence located at 35684 Sierra Lane, sustained severe damage in October, 2013 as a result of an internal fire. Most of the interior was damaged by fire, smoke, or water. Approximately one third of the roof has been destroyed and remains unrepaired, allowing the interior of the building to continue to deteriorate due to exposure to the weather. Inspections by City Fire and Building and Safety personnel indicate the structure is unsafe and potentially hazardous. While the lower level of the two-story house has been secured from unwanted access, the upper level remains unsecured, a violation of the City Municipal Code.