

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING LIEN SEARCH FEES; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL FEES FOR RESPONSE OF REQUEST FOR LIEN RESEARCH TO BE PROVIDED IN LESS THAN FIVE BUSINESS DAYS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, from time to time persons and/or entities request the City of Neptune Beach to perform lien research; and

**WHEREAS,** the history of these requests has impressed upon the City Council the need for the City to adopt fees to cover the cost of such research by the City; and

WHEREAS, the collection of such fees by the City will offset the cost of research and processing of the request by the City Clerk's Office, the Building Department and the Finance Department; and

WHEREAS, untimely submission of requests for lien research causes an additional hardship on City staff who must route the request through the process in an effort to finalize the process prior to the due date required by the person submitting the request;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida does hereby resolve;

1. The fee to be submitted with each request for lien research shall be set as follows for each Real Estate number or Address submitted:

# of Days Prior to Proposed Due Date	Amount of Research Request Fee
3 to 5 business days	\$40.00
24 to 48 hours, business days	<u>\$80.00</u>

The research fee is a non-refundable fee used to defray the costs to the City for administratively processing the request and researching the request.

2. The responsible City departments shall provide information regarding whether a lien in favor of the City exists on the property identified by the requestor within the time requested based upon records retained by the City.

- 3. The City of Neptune Beach assumes no liability for errors or omissions when performing lien research. All liens held by the City of Neptune Beach are lawfully recorded in the Official Records of Duval County, Florida.
- 4. It is the declared intent of the City Council that, if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or provision of this resolution is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be so construed as to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining provisions of this resolution.
- 5. The provisions of this resolution establishing fees for lien research shall become effective on October 1, 2015.

This Resolution adopted by the City Council of Neptune Beach, Florida, at the Regular Council Meeting held this 9th day of September, 2015.

Harriet Pruette, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karla Strait, CMC, City Clerk