

ARTICLE VI. - CODE ENFORCEMENT LIEN AMNESTY PROGRAM^[4]

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Editor's note—Ordinance No. 4251, §§ 2—6, adopted September 26, 2011, did not specifically amend the Code. Therefore, such ordinance has been added as §§ 26-141—26-145 at the editor's discretion.

Sec. 26-141. - Program duration; acceptance of applications; application fee; multiple violations.

- (a) Program duration. Duration of the Code Enforcement Lien Amnesty Program shall be from October 1, 2011 to September 31, 2012 unless extended by resolution adopted by the city commission.
- (b) Acceptance of applications. Property owners applying to the code enforcement lien amnesty program must complete a code enforcement lien amnesty program application. Applications will be accepted between October 1, 2011 and September 31, 2012 by the community improvement department. Applications are available at City Hall or online at www.sanfordfl.gov. Completed applications (with application fee) may be returned in person to community improvement or mailed to City of Sanford Community Improvement, Post Office Box 1788, Sanford, Florida 32772.
- (c) Application fee. Property owners applying to the code enforcement lien amnesty program must, in addition to completing a code enforcement lien amnesty program application, submit a \$100.00 nonrefundable application fee.
- (d) Procedure when multiple violations present. Property owners with multiple code enforcement liens must apply for a reduction on each lien on the property simultaneously under the program with each lien being subject to the application fee.

(Ord. No. 4251, § 2, 9-26-2011)

Sec. 26-142. - Ineligible liens.

- (a) Utility liens are not eligible for the amnesty program.
- (b) Special assessment liens or payments due for code enforcement abatement actions, such as lot mowing, debris removal, or demolition are not eligible for the amnesty program and such liens must be paid in full prior to a property owner requesting a lien reduction under the terms of this article.

(Ord. No. 4251, § 3, 9-26-2011)

Sec. 26-143. - Eligibility criteria.

- (a) Property must be in compliance with all city codes and ordinances in order to be eligible for the code enforcement lien amnesty program.
- (b) Both commercial and residential properties are eligible to participate in the program.
- (c) Any property that has been foreclosed on and is not in compliance may apply for a 90-day grace period to bring the property in to compliance by paying a \$1,000.00 application fee. If the property is in compliance within the 90-day grace period, the code enforcement lien will be waived. If extensive repairs are required in order to bring the property in to compliance and said repairs are adequately

documented in detail within the submitted application, the 90-day grace period may be extended for up to a 12-month grace period in order to allow for a reasonable amount of time for sufficiently documented repairs to be made and compliance consequently achieved. Any municipal special assessment liens or other code enforcement abatement costs must be paid in full at time of closing. If the property is not in compliance within the allotted grace period, the lien amount will revert to the original lien amount and the application fee forfeited.

(Ord. No. 4251, § 4, 9-26-2011)

Sec. 26-144. - Calculation of lien reductions; deadline for payment of reduced lien; consequence of nonpayment of reduced lien by deadline.

- (a) Calculation of lien reductions based on lien matrix. Code enforcement liens determined as eligible will have the benefit of the lesser of a 90 percent reduction or maximum payment of \$2,000.00.
- (b) General calculation of lien. Code enforcement will calculate the amount of the lien and the administrative costs. Under the code enforcement lien amnesty program, the amount of the lien will be reduced based on the date of the application, the per diem accrual amount and the lien matrix plus \$400.00 administrative costs. The \$100.00 application fee will be credited toward the lien payment.
- (c) Deadline for payment of reduced lien. The reduced lien amount shall be paid in full within 30 days of the date of approval of the application.
- (d) Consequence of nonpayment of reduced lien by deadline. If the reduced lien is not paid within 30 days from the date of approval, the lien amount will revert to the original lien amount and the application fee shall be forfeited.

(Ord. No. 4251, § 5, 9-26-2011)

Sec. 26-145. - Acceptable methods of payment of application fees and reduced liens.

Acceptable payments under the program are cashier's check or money order only made payable to the "City of Sanford."

(Ord. No. 4251, § 6, 9-26-2011)