## **Code Enforcement Lien Amnesty Program**

The Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to announce its Code Enforcement Lien Amnesty Program. The Amnesty Program benefits the citizens and businesses of Okeechobee County by encouraging property owners to correct violations, thereby maintaining the appearance of the County and protecting property values.

For the limited time period from September 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019, affected property owners will have the opportunity to apply for a reduction of outstanding fines and a release of liens on their real property in unincorporated Okeechobee County.

## **Availability of the Amnesty Program:**

The Amnesty Program is available to all property owners and property types with existing code enforcement liens who are in compliance with all County codes and ordinances on all properties owned in unincorporated Okeechobee County, or who come into compliance by February 28, 2019.

## **Application and Review Process:**

Completed Applications, together with the initial Application Fee, can be mailed or hand delivered to the Okeechobee County Code Enforcement Department, 1700 NW 9th Avenue, Suite A, Okeechobee, FL 34972. The deadline for submitting the Application is January 31, 2019.

At the time of the Application, all of the property taxes must be paid and current (not delinquent), and the property owner must give consent for an Okeechobee County Code Officer to enter upon the property for such inspections as are necessary to determine compliance.

## **Reduction and Release:**

Participation could result in a reduction of 50-75% of your lien and payment of said reduction in full along with any applicable fees will result in a release of lien.

It is recommended that the Frequently Asked Questions below be reviewed before submitting an Application. For full details about the Amnesty Program, contact the Okeechobee County Code Enforcement Department by telephone at 863-763-5548, or in person at 1700 NW 9th Avenue, Suite A. Okeechobee, FL 34972.