



# STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Joe Bishop, Building Official

**PREPARER:** Mara Grow, Administrative Specialist

**DATE:** September 8, 2025

**TITLE:** **Hold a Public Hearing to Consider and Adopt Resolution No. 256-05 Confirming City Costs Incurred from Abating Nuisance Conditions at 2579 Baldwin Street and Approving Collection of Costs as a Special Assessment.**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Council:

1. Hold a public hearing to consider and adopt Resolution No. 256-05 Confirming \$10,686.44 in City Costs Incurred to Abate Nuisance Conditions at 2579 Baldwin St., Arcata, CA and collect the said costs via Special Assessment; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all applicable documents.

## **INTRODUCTION:**

On November 21, 2024, the City of Arcata's Building Division began working on enforcement of code violations on the properties located at 2579 Baldwin St., Arcata, CA 95521 by recording nuisances and notifying the property owner of their obligation to abate those nuisances.

On November 22, 2024, the City Manager directed the Building Official to abate those nuisance conditions existing on the Properties, including but not limited to removal of all garbage or rubbish and any attractive nuisances.

On March 24, 2025, the Building Division completed the abatement for the above-mentioned property. A summary of costs incurred by the City resulting from the abatement process at the above-mentioned addresses are depicted in the attachment titled Notice of Special Assessment Hearing.

## **BACKGROUND:**

This property has had a history of nuisance, complaints, and criminal activity going back at least ten years. The conditions became significantly worse in the months leading up to this abatement action.

Due to the condition of the residence, a Notice of Nuisance was sent and posted on the mentioned property and additional notices were sent. Notices were sent and/or posted on the following dates:

- November 22, 2024, First Notice by certified mail and posted at property.

- January 31, 2025, Notice to Abate Nuisance posted and by certified mail. An Inspection and Abatement warrant was issued by the Humboldt Superior Court, on March 11, 2025.
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- Access to property and permission to conduct abatement was granted by property owner on March 24, 2025
- Abatement March 24, 2025, by New Life Services.
- Invoice by certified mail returned as “Unclaimed” and “Unable to Forward” July 16, 2025.

Invoice posted on site August 6, 2025

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA):**

This work is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA guidelines Sections 15301, and 15321.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:**

As a result of this abatement the City has incurred \$10,686.44 to date out of City general funds.

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:**

1. Open the Public Hearing.
2. Receive a staff report.
3. Open public comment.
4. Close public comment/the public hearing.
5. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 256-05 confirming City costs incurred from abating nuisance conditions at 2579 Baldwin Street; and authorize the City Manager to execute all applicable documents.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Notice of Abatement and Invoices (PDF)
- B. Inspection and Abatement Warrant
- C. Resolution No. 256-05