ORDINANCE NO. 5711

AN ORDINANCE TO DETERMINE THE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST PROPERTIES SPECIFICALLY BENEFITED BY THE REMOVAL OR CUTTING OF NOXIOUS WEEDS AND VEGETATION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ALBANY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 7.84.160-7.84.180, PROVIDING FOR THE DOCKETING OF ASSESSMENTS AS CITY LIENS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Chief of the Albany Fire Department (Chief), on behalf of the City of Albany, has previously inspected certain property within the City and has determined that a nuisance exists on certain property as defined in Municipal Code 7.84.160; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly given as required by Municipal Code 7.84.170 for abatement of said nuisance by the owners of the properties hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the properties did fail and neglect to abate said nuisance; and

WHEREAS, the Chief, pursuant to the direction of Municipal Code 7.84.180 did cause to be removed and abated the nuisance on the property hereinafter described and did keep a complete record of the cost of labor and materials used in connection with such removal; and

WHEREAS, the Chief, has reported the same to the City Council and the report has been found in order by the City Council, and the costs deemed to be reasonable.

THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1:</u> A charge is hereby levied against the individual pieces of property hereinafter described by those sums of money set forth following the description of the property, and deemed to be an assessment for the removal of noxious weeds and vegetation and abatement of public nuisance as provided in Municipal Code 7.84.180.

Section 2: The total cost of the grass abatement charges is \$1,534.70

(See attachment for grass abatement assessment data)

<u>Section 3:</u> The City Recorder is hereby directed to enter a statement of the assessments in the docket of the City liens and give notice thereof as provided by law.

<u>Section 4:</u> Inasmuch as this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Albany, Oregon, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by the Council.

Passed by Council: March 11, 2009

Approved by Mayor: March 11, 2009

Effective Date: _____ March 11, 2009

Mayor

ATTEST.

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Owner of Record

Anjum Inc 2367 NW Kinderman Dr Corvallis, OR 97330

Property Description

Acreage 2.15 Acre Lot Tax Account: 0676540 11S-03W-08DB-0100

Assessment Description

Grass Abatement Mowing: \$150.00 Admin Fee: \$45.00 Total: \$195.00

Account #: abate000-0001-001

Ronald D Hackett Janis L Hackett 1248 Washington St SW Albany, OR 97321 Central Addition 1248 Washington St SW Tax Account: 0140869 11S-04W-12DA-08500 Grass Abatement Mowing: \$216.00 Admin Fee: \$64.80 Total: \$280.80

Account #: abate000-0002-002

Teresa E Morgan Roberta J Grisales Kathleen M Spencer PO Box 2534 Albany, OR 97321 Bryant's Addition 325 Chicago St Se Tax Account: 077640 11S-03W-05CD-05700 Grass Abatement Mowing: \$452.00 Admin Fee: \$135.60 Total: \$587.60

Account #: abate000-0004-004

Barbara J Thornburg 2020 NE Linnea Apt # 154 Bend, OR 97701 Hackelman's Addition 904 2nd Ave Se Tax Account: 085031 11S-03W-06DD-01100 Grass Abatement Mowing: \$388.00 Admin Fee: \$116.40 Copy Charges: \$16.90

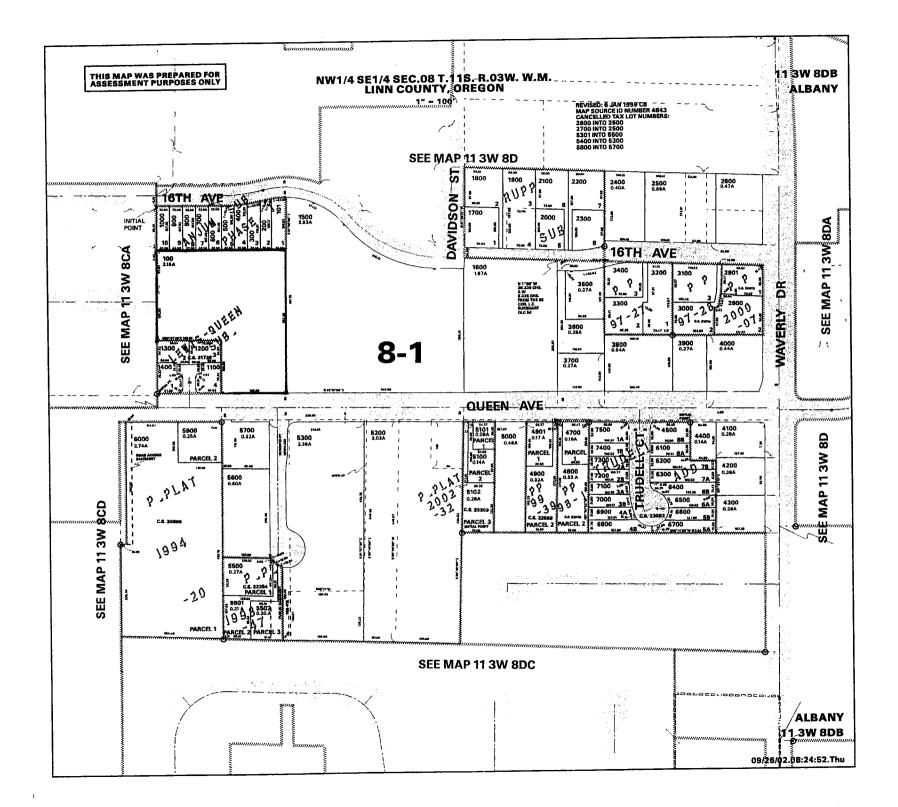
Total: \$521.30

Minus \$50.00 payment

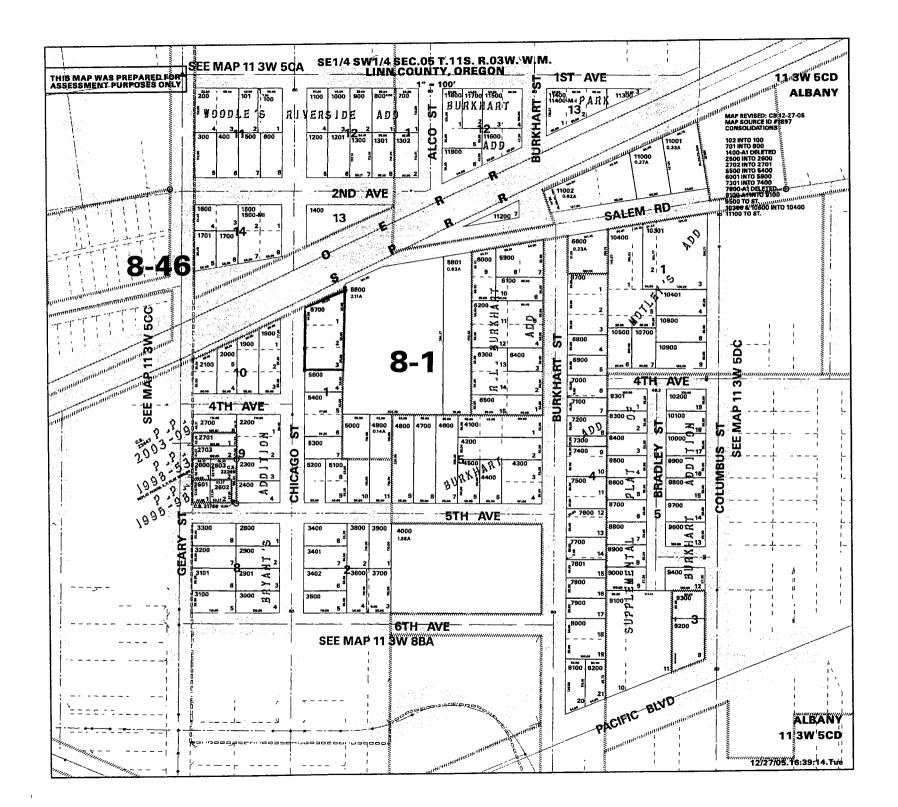
Total: \$471.30

Account #: abate000-0005-005

Report Total: \$1,534.70











TO:

Albany City Council

VIA:

Wes Hare, City Manager

Stewart Taylor, Finance Director

FROM:

Michael Trabue, Fire Marshal

DATE:

March 11, 2009, for the March 11, 2009 Council Meeting

SUBJECT: Grass Abatement

RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN THEME:

Safe City

Great Neighborhoods

Action Requested:

Conduct a public hearing on March 11, 2009, and adopt an ordinance to lien properties.

The Albany Fire Department has forwarded to the Finance Department a request to submit to the City Council an ordinance for approval to lien properties for the purpose of grass abatement expenditure reimbursements.

Discussion:

Last summer the Albany Fire Department (AFD) inspected properties for fire hazards related to grass, weeds, or noxious vegetation. If the property was found to be in violation of Albany Municipal Code 7.84.160 – 7.84.180, the property owner(s) were sent a certified letter notifying them to resolve the fire hazard situation. The property owner(s) had ten days within the receipt of the notice to resolve the situation. After the ten days expired, AFD personnel inspected the property for compliance. If the property was found to remain in violation, AFD contracted with Green Thumb Landscape & Maintenance or Robert Brillon to abate/remove the fire hazard.

The amount owed for the contractual service has been paid by AFD and property owners have been invoiced for the costs incurred. The amount uncollectible as of March 9, 2009 February 28,2009 is \$1,534.70 \$1,835.00 and is comprised of four (4) five (5) properties.

Budget Impact:

\$1,172.90	\$1,403.90	Mowing Charges
\$ 361.80	\$ 361.80	Administrative Fees
\$1.534.70	\$1835 00	Total

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Attachments

c: John Bradner, Fire Chief Michael Trabue, Fire Marshal