



CITY OF CLEWISTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

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CODE ENFORCEMENT LIEN AMNESTY PROGRAM

FACT SHEET

The City of Clewiston is offering the Code Enforcement Amnesty Program as an incentive to property owners who may have outstanding Code Enforcement violations to bring their property into compliance with City codes and obtain quick reduction of the outstanding liens.

- The City of Clewiston (the “City”) recently approved the Code Enforcement Lien Amnesty Program (the “Program”) to accept applications from **April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024.**
- Commercial and residential properties are eligible to participate in the Program.
- Owners of complied properties that have outstanding liens by the City as a result of Code Enforcement violations may settle their debt on each Code Enforcement case subject to Program guidelines which include, but are not limited to, their property being inspected by the City and found to be in compliance, the City’s receipt of a completed *Code Enforcement Program Application and Participation Agreement* by June 30, 2024, and timely paying the awarded reduced amount **of the lien’s face value.**
- Owners of properties with ongoing Code Enforcement violations are eligible to participate in the Program subject to its guidelines, which include, but are not limited to, their property being found in compliance by the City and a completed *Code Enforcement Program Application and Participation Agreement* being received by the Community Improvement Division **by June 30, 2024.**
- Only liens resulting from code violations are eligible under the Program. Liens arising from Unsafe Structure Board or Property Maintenance actions are not eligible. These liens must be paid in full prior to the property owner applying for the Program.
- Utility liens are not eligible for the Program.
- Owners must not have active Code Enforcement violations on any property owned in the City of Clewiston.
- Property owners with multiple Code Enforcement liens on a property must apply for a reduction of each lien on the property simultaneously under the Program.
- **Submit the completed application and participation agreement form by June 30, 2024.**
- **Payment must be in the form of a cashier’s check or money order and made payable to the “City of Clewiston.” All Amnesty payments are due in full on or before September 30, 2024.**
- The Program is being administered by the City’s Community Improvement Division. Hours of availability are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, excluding weekends and legal holidays. You can schedule an appointment to discuss specific information or amounts owed by contacting the Community Improvement Division as noted below:



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APPLICATION AND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Code Enforcement Case No.: _____ Folio No.: _____

Address of Property (include city & zip code): _____

I, _____ (print name) am the legal owner of the above referenced property ("Property") and I agree to participate in the Code Enforcement Lien Amnesty Program ("Program") as established by City of Clewiston ("City") Resolution in an effort to resolve the code enforcement case cited above.

I recognize and fully understand that a code enforcement lien from code enforcement fines exists on the Property and, if approved, I wish to pay a reduced amount of 90% **of the face value of the lien**. I also understand that in order to participate in this Program and be eligible for the aforesaid reduction that: (i) all violations on the subject property must be complied; (ii) there cannot be any other active code enforcement cases with ongoing violations pending on any other property I own within the City; and (iii) I am completing one Application and Participation Agreement for each lien on the Property.

If approved, I agree to pay the total sum of the following items: the reduced value of the eligible lien(s) on the Property, the full amount due for any lien that was reduced by Order of the Special Magistrate, and the cost per lien of lien preparation and recording. I will make such payment to the order of the City of Clewiston and understand and agree that payment in full by cashier's check or money order must be received by the Community Improvement Division on or before **September 30, 2024**. Should I fail to make payment in full **by September 30, 2024**, I understand and agree that the approved lien reduction(s) shall be null and void and that I will be liable for the entire face value of the lien(s) as if no reduction had ever been imposed.

In addition, I understand that this agreement is not assignable by me. I also recognize that this Program only addresses code enforcement liens and not any other City liens which may be levied against the Property including, but not limited to, utility, special assessments, unsafe structures, and nuisance abatement liens.



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Code Enforcement Lien Amnesty Program – Application and Participation Agreement Continuation

CASE _____

Finally, I understand and agree the City’s approval and authorization of this Application and Participation Agreement acknowledges only that the Property has been placed in compliance and the Program’s requirements have been met. The City’s authorization does not bar or prevent any future enforcement actions by the City for new or repeat violations that may exist on the Property.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____ Title: _____

Mailing address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Telephone number: _____ E-MAIL: _____

This original Participation Agreement executed by the Property Owner must be provided to the Community Improvement Division prior to receiving a reduction of any outstanding Code Enforcement lien under the Program.

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CITY'S AUTHORIZATION

I have examined the City's Code Enforcement records which confirm that all violations cited on the Property in the above referenced case have been placed in compliance and that no ongoing code enforcement violations currently exist on the Property. In addition, there are no other orders issued by the City's Special Magistrate that either reduce the original lien amount in this case or otherwise conflict with the Program's requirements. The total amount owed the City as a result of the subject Code Enforcement case and resulting lien on the property is currently \$_____ (not including the \$150.00 for administration/filing fees for lien recording and release).

Further, I have verified that there are currently no Unsafe Structures Board or Property Maintenance liens outstanding on the Property.

This case meets all Program requirements and qualifies for a Reduction by resolution (____) of the City of Clewiston Commission to reduce the resulting lien to \$_____, plus a charge of \$150.00 for lien preparation and recording the Release of Lien for a total due of \$_____.

Debra Clay
Code Compliance Supervisor
Community Improvement Division
City of Clewiston

Date