



## Agenda Statement

---

**File #:** 19-0131      **Version:** 1  
**Type:** Report      **Status:** Filed  
**File created:** 3/5/2019      **In control:** City Council  
**On agenda:** 3/19/2019      **Final action:** 3/19/2019  
**Title:** Report: Delinquent Property Taxes and Foreclosure Process  
**Sponsors:** City Council  
**Indexes:**  
**Code sections:**  
**Attachments:** 1. 2010-2012 Updated Delinquencies

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
3/19/2019	1	City Council		received and filed

**ITEM TITLE:**

Report - Delinquent Property Taxes and Foreclosure Process

**SUBMITTED BY:** Brian Carlson, Finance Director

**FISCAL NOTES:**

Expenditure Required: n/a  
Unencumbered Balance: n/a  
Funding Source: n/a

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and file

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

This report apprises Council of the status of property tax delinquencies and the related foreclosure procedures.

- Initiated Foreclosures: 2010-2012
  - See attachment: *2010-2012 Updated Delinquencies*
  - Seven distinct properties; total delinquent amount \$71K
  - These delinquencies are filed with the Third Judicial District Court, and are awaiting the filing of a “motion and memorandum for transfer and entry of judgment of foreclosure”, following Finance staff verification of delinquent amounts.
  - Next steps in filing are estimated to be concluded by end of March, 2019. Staff has

delayed this filing pending review of data following ransomware, software updates, and staff turnover.

- Next delinquency/foreclosure filing: 2013-2018
  - Estimated 174 properties totaling \$474K in delinquent taxes
  - Staff anticipates initial filings by end of May, 2019.
  - Initial motions and pre-publication notices typically clear 70% to 90% of delinquent balances.
  - Staff will provide Council with a detailed list following, or concurrent with, formal publication of same.
  
- Timeline for regular annual foreclosure process
  - Staff will initiate regular, annual filings in November, 30 days following final due-date for payment (October 15), beginning in 2019.
  - Staff anticipates \$5K to \$8K in annual legal fees for regular foreclosure proceedings. Services are provided by Levesque Law Group, and are billed to Finance Department, professional services.