CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

ORDINANCE NO. 521

AN ORDINANCE OF THE SPRINGFIELD CITY COMMISSION IMPOSING FEES FOR LIEN SEARCHES; IMPOSING FEES FOR RUSH LIEN SEARCHES; AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO SAID FEES TO BE ESTABLISED BY RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 of the Florida Constitution, and Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, the City of Springfield, Florida (hereinafter "City") has the power and the authority to enact ordinances and regulations for valid governmental purposes that are not inconsistent with general or special law; and

WHEREAS, the City frequently receives requests for lien searches from title companies, banks, financial institutions, attorneys, and other entities and individuals for which the City incurs administrative time and costs processing the requests; and

WHEREAS, when a lien search request is received by the City, staff time from multiple departments is required, including the City Clerk's office, the finance department and the utility billing department; and

WHEREAS, to offset the increasing demand of staff time and resources, the City recommends imposing a charge for processing lien searches regarding real property located within the City limits of Springfield.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the people of the City of Springfield, Florida that:

SECTION 1. The following fees are hereby imposed for lien requests submitted to the City:

Lien Search	$50.00 (7-14 Days Response Time)
Rush Lien Search	$100.00 (3 Business Day Response Time)

Each lien search provides outstanding municipal debts assessed on a specific city property through a utility account, code enforcement or nuisance abatement case, special assessment, and/or open building permit. Should there be an outstanding municipal debt, payments and release of liens are to be processed by the City Clerk's office.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS. Any amendments to the lien search fees established in this Ordinance may be made by future Resolution of the City Commission.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 4. REPEALER. All ordinances, resolution or parts thereof, including but not limited to Chapter 27900, Laws of Florida (1951), as amended (which became a City ordinance pursuant to and upon enactment of Section 166.021(5), Florida Statutes), which are inconsistent or in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption by the City Commission.

DULY PASSED AND ENACTED by the City Commission of the City of Springfield, Florida this __ day of June, 2014.

CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA

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Ralph Hammond, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Donald Lee Penton, City Clerk