



## Land Use & Environment Committee

### Code Enforcement Update

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#### **Title**

Code Enforcement Update

#### **Recommended Action**

Not referred to a committee.

#### **Report**

##### **Issue:**

Whether to receive an update on Code Enforcement Programs.

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#### **Background and Analysis:**

Olympia Building-Safety and Code Enforcement programs are part of the Community Planning and Development Department (CP&D). This report will update the Committee on the activities related to these programs.

The Code Enforcement program plays an important role in the health, safety and welfare of the City of Olympia. Each year the CP&D Code Enforcement program addresses many issues related to health, safety, and welfare, as well as property violations.

#### **Climate Analysis:**

Code Enforcement deals with unregulated camping on both public and private properties. Many of these camps burn trash and debris in the open. By enforcing Olympia's Property and Maintenance code, less carbon will enter the atmosphere through open burning. Code Enforcement will also often require solid waste clean-ups at varying sites. This action will increase the amount of solid waste being sent to landfills but may, at the same time, prevent it from entering streams and other ecosystems directly.

#### **Equity Analysis:**

Residents, those that work, and visitors of Olympia will enjoy the benefits of a safe and clean

Olympia due, in part, by the actions of our Code Enforcement team. The removal of trash and debris from public right of ways will allow safer accessibility and increase commerce. Any interaction with our Code Enforcement team may be the first step in getting appropriate resources to houseless individuals. This interaction may also be a burden on houseless individuals, as they may be in violation of public camping codes. Land/home owners may be burdened because Olympia's maintenance codes may require a higher degree of maintenance than the land/home owner wants to invest into their property.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

Enforcement of civil codes is of strong interest to the entire community.

**Financial Impact:**

There is no financial impact specific to this update. Code enforcement programs are funded within the City's annual operating budget.

**Options:**

1. Receive the briefing.
2. Do not receive the briefing.
3. Receive the briefing at another time.

**Attachments:**

None