



Land Use & Environment Committee

Code Enforcement Status Report

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee

City Manager Recommendation:

Receive the Information. Briefing only; no action requested.

Report

Issue:

Whether to receive a report on 2016 Code Enforcement year-in-review.

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Presenter(s):

Chris Grabowski, Lead Code Enforcement Officer, Community Planning & Development

Background and Analysis:

The Code Enforcement Division of the Community Planning & Development Department helps maintain or improve the quality of life in our community by enforcing laws and codes targeted at solving specific problems within the community.

During 2016 Code Enforcement had some successes, some challenges, some changes, and some opportunities.

- Lost .5 FTE when the 50/50 Code Enforcement/Building Inspector moved over to full time building inspection duties.
- Gained a temporary .5 FTE in June to assist with workload. Position funding will end December 15, 2016.
- Implemented new SmartGov case tracking software, replacing software from the 1990s. There has been a learning curve, and staff is still learning to utilize SmartGov to its full potential.

- Helped develop internal policies for identifying, tagging, recording, and storing potentially valuable personal property left in encampments.
- Worked with Legal Department to assess impacts of Supreme Court of the United States decision (Reed vs. Town of Gilbert) on sign code enforcement.
- Attended Spring and Autumn trainings by the Washington Association of Code Enforcement.
- Working with neighborhood association representatives, Olympia Police Department, and Legal Department to review and improve nuisance code.
- Completed taking the marijuana zoning expansion ordinance through public hearing/Planning Commission process.

2016 Statistics

Since December 1, 2015:

- 380 new cases have been created, including
 - 24 homeless encampments
 - 32 inoperable vehicle cases
 - 33 sign code violations
 - 46 trash and debris cases
 - 76 overgrown/encroaching vegetation cases
- 220 cases have been successfully closed
- 1,346 inspections were performed
- 2,907 other case actions were performed, including phone calls, emails, letters and notices

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

N/A

Options:

N/A

Financial Impact:

None

Attachments:

None