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Proposed Nuisance Code Update

AUGUST 15, 2019



Property Maintenance and Illegal Dumping

 8-6-3 (C) – Updating requirements to keep sidewalks clear of any garbage, junk, obstructions or weeds and grass, to include right-of-ways, grounds, stables, alleys and appurtenant or adjacent properties as responsible party.





Property Maintenance and Illegal Dumping

- 8-6-3 (O) Expanding requirements to keep a parcel free of weeds and grass in excess of 9 inches, 50 square feet, or 10% or the property, to now include alleys or frontage areas under their responsibility.
- 8-6-3 (Q) Expands areas responsible parties are required to keep clear of rubbish, trash, filth or debris to include right-of-ways, sidewalks, public places they are required to maintain, or appurtenant or adjacent properties.





Residential Addresses

- Property owners to be required to post the address on their residence so it is visible from the right-of way.
 - Assists in public safety response.
 - Education and voluntary compliance opportunity for Code.





Recreational Vehicle and Watercraft Parking and Storage

- Residents to be permitted to park a recreational vehicle or watercraft in their driveway or public roadway for up to 48 hours to load, unload or clean.
- Must be parked in a manner which does not create a traffic hazard or obstruct traffic visibility.
- RV storage limited to one (1) per residential parcel.
 - Must be stored in the rear or side yard behind a six-foot opaque fence or gate.
 - o Size limitations removed.





Prohibited Feeding of Pigeons and Doves

- Prohibit the feeding of pigeons and doves (Columbidae species).
- Similar ordinances in Tempe, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, Albuquerque and Las Vegas.
- Exceptions for birds used for homing, show, race, or kept in a case as a pet.





Increased Minimum Sanctions for Nuisance Code Violations

- Voluntary compliance remains Code Compliance's goal.
- Increased minimum sanctions for nuisance code violations for first and second offenses.
- o Last adjustment to these sanctions occurred 14 years ago.
- o First Offense increased from \$150 to \$250
- <u>Second Offense</u> increased from \$250 to \$350
- Third Offense remains at \$500
- Civil Hearing Officer still has the authority to waive or reduce sanctions case-by-case.



Next Steps

If these updates and clarifications are acceptable to City Council,

- Ordinance to be introduced at August 19th City Council meeting.
- Council action would be at August 26 City Council meeting.
- 30 days later (Sept. 25), changes would go into effect with continued goal of education and voluntary compliance.



Questions?

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Surrounding Cities Civil Sanctions

- Scottsdale \$250
- Mesa \$250 (proposed)
- o Tempe \$214
- o Chandler \$180
- o Phoenix \$50-\$500
- o Gilbert \$100
- o Glendale \$100

