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Informal Staff Report

MEMORANDUM

To: Ronald Olsen, City Manager

Thru: Margie C. Rose, Deputy City Manager;

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From: David Blackmon, Captain – Police Department,

Code Enforcement Division

Date: May 28, 2015

Subject: Quarterly Presentation City Council –

Code Enforcement Activity Briefing

Issue:

The Code Enforcement Division of the Police Department will present quarterly briefings to City Council providing them with a summary of the division's efforts to identify and eliminate blighted conditions in the community; educate and inform the public through community events and social media; reduce opportunities for criminal activity by networking with Narcotics and Gang Units; and, improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods by working with property owners and community partners to find lasting resolutions.

Background & Findings:

Code Enforcement came under the purview of the Police Department in January 2014. At that time we began a concerted effort of building and sustaining the quality of life in the community by creating a partnership between Police, Code Enforcement, and our citizens.

The first presentation will be an "introduction to code enforcement" in effort to familiarize City Council Members and citizens with the overall operation and purpose of the division. Each subsequent briefing will highlight cleanliness efforts and achievements.

Conclusion

Our Mission is to strengthen neighborhoods by preventing the deterioration of housing and commercial properties, through the enforcement and abatement of code violations.

Our goal is to inform City Council and the public of the positive impact code enforcement activities have on improving the community. We are working to be able to focus one Compliance Officer per city police beat to maximize proactive enforcement.