



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** August 14, 2017
SUBJECT: Code Compliance status report and discussion of fencing survey.
PRESENTER: Stefanie Martinez, Director of Neighborhood Services

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

A presentation describing Code Compliance activity, as well as a highlight of more complex code cases, will be presented for City Council's information during the August 14, 2017 work session. Additionally, staff will provide a short presentation of a city wide fencing survey conducted in Spring 2017.

Code Compliance plays a large role in the process of providing a community where all residents can enjoy safe and attractive neighborhoods with the highest quality of life. Code Compliance is responsible for inspecting properties in the city to ensure they comply with health, safety, building and zoning codes. Code Compliance works to achieve a safe and attractive community by working with property owners and responsible parties to encourage voluntary compliance within a reasonable timeframe when ordinance violations are identified. However, there are instances where voluntary compliance is not achieved, and it is at that time that a property owner may be subject to a citation or other forced remediation action by the city.

City Council requested information regarding the status of the Code Compliance Division and efforts made to bring properties into compliance with local ordinances. This year, brief updates have been provided monthly through the City Manager's weekly reports. The work session presentation will describe the most common code violations with resident compliance rates and provide an overview of the status of major code cases. A map of the City identifying Code Officer Districts and inspection areas will also be provided with an emphasis on the recently developed Corridor District. Additionally, results of a city wide fencing survey will be reviewed with Council. The survey was conducted by city staff in response to concerns expressed during the February goals retreat about dilapidated fencing along major thoroughfares.