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RECOMMENDATION #2

TO ADDRESS VEHICLES PARKED ON SIDEWALKS



ISSUE

Vehicles parked on sidewalks are a common concern throughout all Chandler neighborhoods. This condition creates an obstruction for pedestrian traffic forcing users off the sidewalk and into the road which creates a hazard. This condition also impedes the ability for those pedestrians with disabilities to navigate safely through their neighborhood.

BACKGROUND

Currently, both the Police Department and Code Enforcement can enforce this violation. Code issues a seven (7) day notice and contacts the home's occupant to ensure that this condition is resolved. The Police Officer or Police Volunteer use discretion and may attempt contact with the vehicle driver at the adjacent residence and require immediate removal from the sidewalk or they can issue a parking citation for non-compliance pursuant to the Arizona Revised Statutes.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDED ACTION

To enhance the enforcement of this violation by other than law enforcement officers, an additional amendment to the Neighborhood Preservation Code Chapter 30 or an addition to the Traffic Rules in Chapter 12 is required. The amendment should allow for the following:

- Allow an immediate ticket/fine to be issued for

parking to obstruct a sidewalk by code enforcement personnel. The police already have the ability to warn and cite on the spot for these violations using their authority under the Arizona Revised Statute or Chapter 12.

The aforementioned ordinance amendments should be accompanied by enhanced enforcement procedures by both the Police Department and the Code Enforcement Unit to include the following:

- The Code Enforcement Unit should continue their newly implemented practice that shortens the owners compliance timeframe from one-week to 24-hours or immediately.
- Educate other Departments to call Code Enforcement Unit when they see this condition.
- Directed enforcement and saturation patrols
- Collaborative enforcement efforts with the Police Department and the Code Enforcement Unit.

LEGAL CONSIDERATION

Make sure amendments to Chapter 12 that authorize enforcement of parking offenses by non-certified law enforcement are specific to parking offenses only since many traffic offenses can only be enforced by certified law enforcement officers.