CODE ENFORCEMENT
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What We Will Be Discussing

* ASPECTS of **Reactive** Code Enforcement
* CONSEQUENCES of **Reactive** Code Enforcement

* ASPECTS of **Proactive** Code Enforcement
* CONSEQUENCES of **Proactive** Code Enforcement

* The HOW TO and BENEFITS of **Proactive** Code Enforcement
Does One Size Fit All?
## Demographics
### Population

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So does one size fit all?
Umm... that would be a **NO!**
Other Demographics

* We’ve mentioned POPULATION and SQUARE MILES, but there are other Demographics to consider:
  * Age of the community
  * Socio economics of the community
  * Residential, Commercial, Industrial makeup of the community
  * Rural vs. Urban make up of the community
  * Other influences around or within the community
A Visual Tour of REACTIVE Code Enforcement – Junk Cars
A Visual Tour of REACTIVE Code Enforcement – Overgrown Lots
A Visual Tour of REACTIVE Code
Enforcement – Trash & Debris
A Visual Tour of REACTIVE Code Enforcement – Illegal Signs
A Visual Tour of REACTIVE Code Enforcement – Dilapidated Homes
Aspects of REACTIVE Code Enforcement

- Complaint only driven
- May not take anonymous complaints
- Violations often become unbearable or extreme before a complaint is made
- No hierarchy for major v. minor violations
- Inconsistency in enforcement of violations
Consequences of REACTIVE Code Enforcement

- Violations go unaddressed from lack of a complaint
- Perception that violations are tolerated/acceptable
- Violations tend to worsen and increase
- Some violations get enforced while others don’t
- Corrective measures tend to be greater, more time consuming and more costly
A Visual Tour of PROACTIVE Code Enforcement
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Aspects of PROACTIVE Code Enforcement

* Not reliant on a complaint to take action
* Typically allows for anonymous complaints
* Typically addresses violations before they become extreme
* Typically establishes hierarchy of major v. minor violations
* Typically addresses similar violations equally and unilaterally
Citizens are encouraged to report violations

Citizens have an expectation that violations will be addressed

Violations are addressed early on before they become long term

Violations are addressed fairly and equitably

Corrective measures are usually simpler, less costly and less time consuming
“How To” of PROACTIVE Code Enforcement – SELF ASSESSMENT

MANPOWER

TOOLS & TECHNOLOGY

OBJECTIVES

BUDGET

PROACTIVE

POLITICAL WILL
OBJECTIVES

Overgrown Lots?
TOOLS & TECHNOLOGY
MANPOWER
BUDGET
POLITICAL WILL

“'I'M AN EQUAL-OPPORTUNITY LAW-ENFORCEMENT GUY - I LOCK EVERYBODY UP.”'

JOE ARPAIO

@LifehackQuotes
The “How To” of Proactivity

* Do A Thorough Self Assessment
  
  * Identify your Objective(s)
  
  * Evaluate Tools & Technology needs
  
  * Determine Manpower needs
  
  * Prepare Budgetary requirement
  
  * Get the Political Will buy in
Some Practices to Consider

- Set up specific districts for Code Officers

- Possibly have a designated Code Officer to address specific violations, i.e. a “Sign Code Officer” or “Junk Vehicle Officer”

- Provide laptops in vehicles and possibly printers

- Start work from vehicle rather than reporting to office first
More Practical Tips

* #1 Tip = **ABATEMENT** Ordinances

* #2 Tip = **DOOR HANGERS**

* #3 Tip = **PERSONAL CONTACT**

* #4 Tip = **EDUCATIONAL BROCHURES**

* #5 Tip = **PART TIME WORKERS** (*in addition* to Staff)

* #6 Tip = **SPEAKER PROGRAM**
Benefits of proactivity

- Stop The Blight Before It Takes Over
- Be Ahead Of The Curve, Not Behind It
- Handling Small Code Violations is more efficient, less time consuming and less costly than handling Large Code Violations
Summation

* Remember the FRAM commercial: “You can pay me now ... or pay me later”.

* Do your SELF ASSESSMENT before deciding on a plan.

* Pick the LOW HANGING fruit and don’t bite off more than you can chew
Questions?

* Thank You on behalf of the Florida Association of Code Enforcement
* www.face-online.org

* Your Source and Resource for everything Code Enforcement
A True Case Story of PROACTIVE Code Enforcement

- City of Oviedo Dumpster Enclosure Project