

Vegetation in the Alley, Street or Sidewalk

Code Compliance Presentation to:
Quality of Life Committee
January 22, 2007



Background

- Current ordinance Section 18-14.1 requires property owners to trim vegetation to insure it does not project into the alley, street or sidewalk
 - Vegetation may not extend below 8 feet over a sidewalk
 - Vegetation may not extend below 12 feet over a street
 - Vegetation may not project into an alley



01/01/2005





09/01/2005



Enforcement Procedure

- Upon identifying a violation, staff sends a notice of violation to the property owner, asking that they cut the vegetation as specified in the ordinance.
- At reinspection, if the property is not in compliance, a citation may be issued to the property owner.
- Current ordinance does not allow Mow/Clean to trim the vegetation, should the owner fail to comply. Consequently, the violation may remain.



Statistical Information

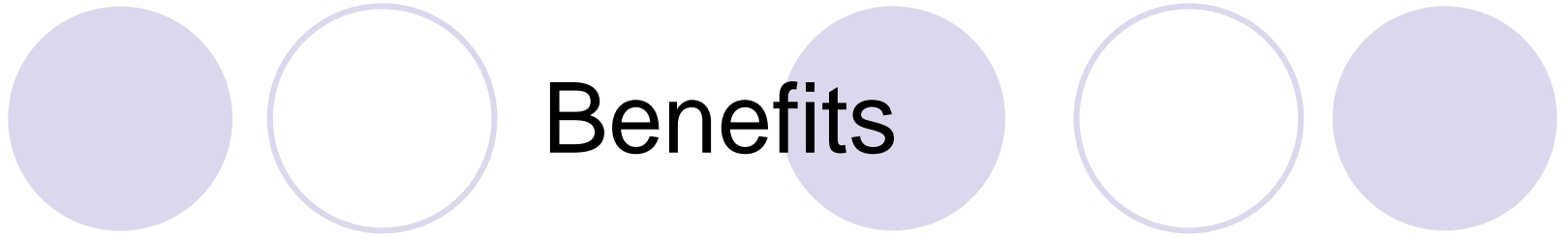
- FY 04-05 = 11,516 Service Requests
- FY 05-06 = 10,556 Service Requests

- FY 04-05 Average Response Time (from complaint to closure in days) = 29.9 days
- FY 05-06 Average Response Time (from complaint to closure in days) = 24.2 days

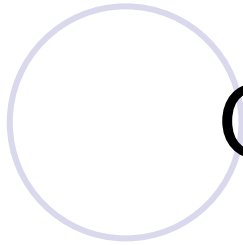
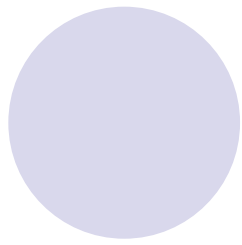


Amendment Proposal

- Amend current ordinance allowing Mow/Clean to trim vegetation that is not in compliance
- Issue invoices to property owners for cost of trimming vegetation after notice is provided to the property owner
- Provide training by City Arborist to Mow/Clean employees to insure vegetation is properly trimmed



- Clear alleys, sidewalks and streets of vegetation in violation, providing a visible difference in neighborhoods
- Reduce Average Response Time on service requests
- No anticipated increase in labor costs (Mow/Clean staff will perform most trimming in winter months)



Questions?

