AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Clyde Han, Building Inspector

DATE: Tuesday, June 14, 2011

RE: Reactive verses Proactive "Code Enforcement"

History:

- Code Enforcement / Animal Control and the city pound were the responsibility of the Police Department. In 1999 the city moved to civilianize Animal control and Code enforcement to free sworn officers for other duties.

- 2006 Council approved the addition of a "Code Enforcement" officer.

- 2007 – 2009: Code enforcement sent out over 1500 letters on code violations. Every letter informs the recipient of the item(s) in violation, along with a picture; a copy of the ordinance and depending on the type of violation, 7 to 10 days to correct the issue or contact the code enforcement officer if a time extension is needed or there is a question regarding the notice.

- April 2010: Code Enforcement was directed to be reactive and respond to complaint only; we were not initiate notification of violations on our own.

- May 24, 2011: Code Enforcement was directed to be proactive on "Grass and Weeds" only.

- June 6, 2011: Council asks that "Code Enforcement" be added to the agenda to discuss "Reactive verses Proactive" Code Enforcement.

Discussion:

- How would council like "Code Enforcement" to proceed: reactive or proactive?

- Reactive or proactive on all codes or select codes?