




Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED

FROM: Councilmember Sam Liccardo

SUBJECT: CODE ENFORCEMENT

DATE: May 25, 2011

Approved	Date
	5-25-11

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Two Additional Code Enforcement Officers

Amount of City Funding Required: \$240,520

Fund Type: General Fund

Anticipated Outcomes: Requested funding changes would affect benefits or services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc., as described below:

The City Manager's budget proposes eight general code enforcement officers citywide. As the City makes its way out of the recession and the foreclosure crisis continues, coupled with the loss of Redevelopment Agency Strong Neighborhoods, it's imperative to have adequate resources in code enforcement to maintain basic quality of life in communities.

The Integrated Waste Management Fund (IWMF) serves to help "achieve City objectives related to waste management and the reduction of solid waste," and has been utilized in the past year for such widely varying functions as the purchase of land for the proposed Environmental Innovation Center, construction and design of the new HHW facility, police staffing for creek encampment cleanups, and for DOT and PRNS staffing related to garbage and recycling. (see p. X-16-17) I propose to add two code enforcement officers citywide, focused on forming a "neighborhood trash team." This unit would address neglected properties with excessive trash and debris, an increasingly common effect of the foreclosure crisis. Getting Code to the enforce against property owners at the source of this trash can ensure better downstream management, and will ensure proper disposal of potentially toxic substances, such as paint, motor oil, and batteries, and can relieve the remaining overburdened code enforcement staff of these responsibilities.

Funding Source

Program/Project Title: Integrated Waste Management Fund - #423

Amount of City Funding Change: \$240,520

Fund Type: Environmental Services - Integrated Waste Management Fund - #423

Anticipated Outcomes: Requested funding changes would affect benefits or services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc., as described below:

This recommended funding change would enable Code Enforcement to better achieve its mission of helping to maintain the quality of life in our community, with no financial impact to other programs.

Department or Organization: Planning, Building and Code Enforcement

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This change is:

One-time Ongoing

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- Community and Economic Development Services
- Environmental and Utility Services
- Neighborhood Services
- Public Safety
- Strategic Support
- Transportation and Aviation Services