



Nuisance Ordinance Update



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Background

- Council desires to enhance and promote property maintenance throughout the City
 - Promote livability
 - Enhance community appearance
 - Raise social and economic conditions for the community
- Complete Replacement of Existing Ordinance
 - Existing Ordinance needed updates to:
 - Match state laws
 - Meet noticing requirements
 - Address problematic nuisance definitions

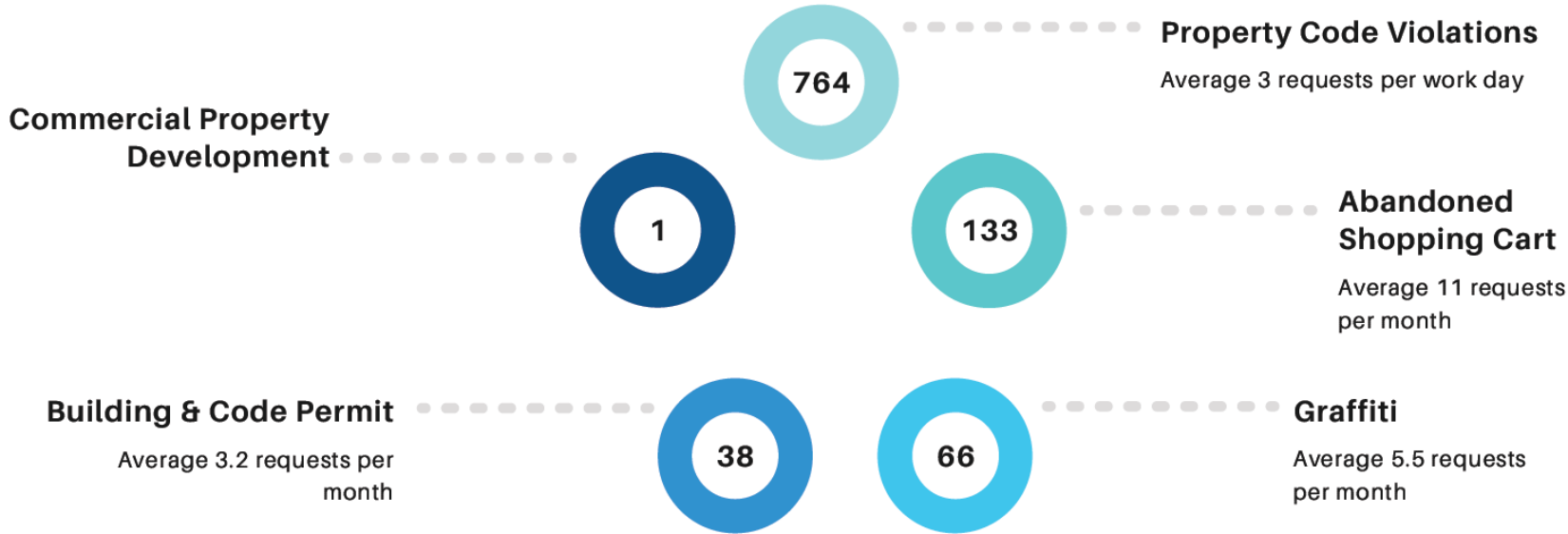


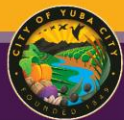
Background – 2019 YC311



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2019 YC311 Service Request Metrics

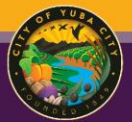




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- Proposed Ordinance
 - Complies with current legal requirements
 - Provides streamlined/clarified processes
 - Provides for a wide range of enforcement mechanisms
 - Updates/Adds nuisance definitions





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- **Substantial Modifications/ Changes**
 - Clarified violations, fees, noticing, and appeal processes
 - Reviewed and confirmed definitions to clearly define nuisance types and that they meet current goals
 - Added requirements for property owners to trim trees/shrubs around street signs and/or street lights.
 - Clarified conflicts with public property; i.e. removal of garbage, sporting equipment, landscape material, and other personal property from the public right of way
 - Tractor trailer parking clearly defined
 - Vacant property definitions and requirements for Vacant Property Plans



Abatement Processes

- **Goal – Voluntary Compliance**
- Provides tools for encouraging compliance
 - Administrative citations
 - Special assessments
 - Property Liens
 - Public notices on Deeds
 - Authority to clean then bill
 - Criminal prosecution



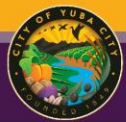


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- Fiscal Impact
 - Staff time to administer and enforce the ordinance
 - 1.5 Code Enforcement Officers with Administrative support and City Attorney utilized as resources
- Priorities
 - Current priorities have been focused:
 - Health & Safety
 - Homelessness/Camping Ordinance
 - COVID – 19
 - Reactive response to cases/complaints submitted via yc311
 - Proactive responses to City priorities

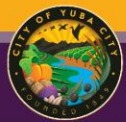


RECOMMENDATION



Adopt an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuba City adding Chapter 8 to Title 4 of the Yuba City Municipal Code pertaining to Nuisances by title only, and waive the second reading.

Questions?



Background – Common Nuisances

