



UNKEMPT PROPERTIES CONCERNS

Q: Can we get alley sidewalks throughout Linkwood?

A: A review of the area was performed and it is estimated to cost approximately \$110,000 to construct appropriate crossings at alleyways. The topography in Linkwood makes each alley crossing unique and each alley entrance/exit would have to be surveyed and planned. To install sidewalks on vacant lots, the City would spend approximately \$2000 per lot for a 6' wide sidewalk. There are about 49 vacant lots, so the cost would be approximately \$98,000. The sidewalks that are currently there were paid for and installed by each home owner and they may object to the City paying for and installing sidewalks on vacant lots.

Q: If we have to keep our property mowed, how do we get the County to mow their property?

A: The County has mowed and cleaned their property. They will be providing the City with their upcoming mowing schedule.

Q: Have all of the vacant or abandoned homes capped their sewer and gas lines? Who makes sure of this?

A: City Public Service (CPS) is contacted to make sure gas lines are capped and sewer lines were capped at the property line by Public Works.

Q: The sidewalk behind Valero's concrete fence has overgrown shrubs and grass. How can this be corrected?

A: The managers of Valero's and Bush's have both been advised that this area is their responsibility. The area has been maintained to allow access on the sidewalk.

Q: There is a lot owner on Bandera and Seneca that blows grass clippings in the street and never picks it up. Is this ok or a violation?

A: This is a storm water compliance issue. Code Enforcement is aware of the issue and during daily patrols will be on the lookout for this type of activity.

Q: I reported trash on Thistle Road 2 months ago and it is still there.

A: The trash has been removed.

Q: What happens when a vacant property has high weeds and trash left behind. How does the City handle a situation like this?

A: The City contractor will clean up the property and a lien is then placed on the property. Code Enforcement keeps an eye out for these types of properties.

Q: I have noticed numerous cable boxes in my neighborhood with wires protruding from them. What should I do?

A: Code Enforcement is watchful for these during their patrols and does report them to the proper entity. If you see this, please report it to Code Enforcement as soon as possible.

Q: What is the height to cut trees and who pays for the trimming of branches over City streets?

A: The resident is responsible for maintaining their trees, including any branches overhanging public right of ways. The height a tree needs to be above the roadway is 14 feet. The regulation of trees overhanging public roadways is to assist the Fire Department in their navigation of streets within Leon Valley. By having the 14 foot regulations, all of our fire apparatus can safely operate without running the risk of hitting any overhanging branches.

Q: Suspicious house where the resident died and there appears to be squatters or vagrants living there. It appears there is a hole in the roof that wild animals may be using to enter the home. It is thought that transients and/or juveniles use the house for various illicit purposes.

A: The neighbors need to contact the Police to report the squatters or vagrants. The house has been secured, no longer is there an issue with trespassers. The neighbor was instructed to call police if they observe any suspicious activity. Code Enforcement is aware of these issues.

Q: A Forest Grove house which is occupied by renters who do not maintain property and have questionable source of income. What can be done?

A: The house on Forest Grove is occupied by the wife and the owner. Code Enforcement is aware of these issues.

Q: Is there a regulation for parking a car on the grass?

A: There is a City Ordinance about parking a vehicle in the front or side yard of any residential property except in the driveway, garage or carport. The ordinance is within Section 12.03.052 of our Code of Ordinances. The intent of this ordinance is to help maintain the property values within our City by not having our City look trashy. Parking a vehicle in the yard does degrade the neighborhood.
