

**PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES-
CODE ENFORCEMENT
FUND NO. 024
ACCOUNT NO. 1211**

DESCRIPTION

The viability of neighborhoods is extremely important in maintaining and improving the quality of life for our citizens. The neighborhood environment in terms of physical attractiveness and safety is the most critical element that citizens use in evaluating livability in their community. All of Merced's neighborhoods should be places where people feel safe and take pride. In order to achieve these conditions throughout the community, additional Code Enforcement resources were made available in the FY 1999-2000 budget. The program continues, with Code Enforcement Specialists working in concert with neighborhood residents, the Police Department, and other City departments.

MISSION

The Code Enforcement Program strives to revitalize and maintain the viability of neighborhoods through cooperation and collaboration with citizens, state, county and other City Departments.

GOAL

- ◇ Meet the needs of City residents by developing and maintaining neighborhoods that are attractive and safe.

OBJECTIVES

***PERFORMANCE
MEASUREMENTS/INDICATORS***

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| 1. Develop new Code Enforcement tools. | Obtain Council adoption of new Administrative Citations and Administrative Remedies by June 30, 2004. |
| 2. Neighborhood program efforts to include nuisance abatement, substandard housing, and other related code violations | On-going. Annual report to be developed by June 30, 2004 |

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| 3. "Junk your clunker" vehicle removal program. | Monthly updates submitted to the Recreation & Parks Commission and City Council. |
| 4. Neighborhood clean-up programs. | Schedule and coordinate monthly clean-up details partnering with faith-based organizations. Provide monthly updates on successful projects to Recreation & Parks Commission and City Council. |
| 5. Provide replacement of current City Code Enforcement program with new program. | Complete review and approval for purchase with Technology Committee by June 30, 2004. |
| 6. Provide a new Web Page for Code Enforcement with description of services and on-line complaint form. | Complete review and approval with Technology Committee by June 30, 2004. |
| 7. Organize, schedule, and coordinate neighborhood beautification projects for the elderly and needy | Partnering with faith-based organizations, improvements in the physical attractiveness and safety of property, improving quality of life. |
| 8. Cost Recovery. | Use of current Building Code Fee Schedules to recover incurred costs for re-inspections of building, Housing and Dangerous Building Code Violations in case where the responsible party refuses to abate violations. |

2003-2004 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

A major source of funding support for the Code Enforcement Program is Community Development Block Grant funds. General Funds contribute \$127,719 of the program total. Three Code Enforcement Specialist positions are currently in the budget.