



UPDATE FROM MAYOR DEBRA JONES

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Code Compliance is an important part of the City of Victorville's strategy to improve quality of life for our residents.

As outlined in our Public Safety Plan and Strategic Plan, we used Measure P revenue to add five code compliance officers last year, enabling us to take a more proactive approach to Code Compliance.

In 2022, our Code Compliance Department addressed more than 4,300 cases, an increase of 30 percent over 2021 totals.

Our City Council also approved tougher ordinances aimed at reducing nuisance behavior in our neighborhoods like illegal marijuana grows and fireworks.

Since the stricter ordinances were enacted in 2020, illegal grows are down 89 percent and illegal fireworks reports reduced by 88 percent. These improvements are also attributable to added Code Compliance and Animal Care and Control personnel being more visible in neighborhoods seven days-a-week along with extended service hours.

Our Code Compliance Division also works with local businesses and property owners to establish anti-trespass agreements. When in place, these agreements allow for proactive trespass enforcement even when owners are not present.

In 2022, the City issued more than 302 Trespass Agreements – triple the number issued in 2021.

Code Compliance Officers also collaborate with our abatement team to search through and investigate illegally dumped trash to identify responsible persons and clear debris from illegal dump sites and encampments more quickly. In 2022, the abatement team collected 1,326 tons of debris from throughout the City.

Through a more proactive Code Compliance effort, we are restoring health and safety and improving quality of life for Victorville residents.

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