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SUBJECT: Chronic Nuisance Code Update
DATE: November 14, 2019

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

Amendments were made to the Chronic Nuisance code in October 2018. Staff is providing an informational briefing one year after the amendments went into effect.

BACKGROUND:

The Chronic Nuisance code was established in 2003 with an intent to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. The code was amended in 2010 to update the list of nuisance activities, the appeal process and added a temporary period of license suspension for non-compliance. While designed to address properties that consume a disproportionate amount of City resources because of criminal conduct and impact on neighboring properties, successful application of the code still proved either cumbersome, lengthy, or ineffective. As a result, it was used minimally over the years.

In 2018, the code was amended to 1) expand when a property will meet the definition of a "chronic nuisance property," 2) add in a required correction agreement, 3) add more enforcement options if non-compliance and 4) streamline the administrative process to allow for a multi-departmental approach.

ISSUE:

Since October 2018, one property has been declared a "chronic nuisance property." City staff are in the process of finalizing the correction agreement with the business owner. Once the correction agreement is signed by both parties a check-in date will be established 3-6 months in the future to ensure the nuisance continues to be resolved.

In addition, one property was considered but after review of the information, it did not meet the definition of a "chronic nuisance property" as the property was owner-occupied and ultimately the persons vacated the house.

On the horizon

Information is currently being gathered on another property to determine if it meets the definition of a chronic nuisance property and staff will apply the Chronic Nuisance code if appropriate.

ALTERNATIVES:

Informational briefing only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Informational briefing only.

RECOMMENDATION:

Informational briefing only.