

***ILLEGAL  
DUMPING***

***A PUBLIC  
NUISANCE***





- # OVERVIEW
- Increased illegal dumping of trash & debris throughout community has created a need for the City to adapt and respond.
  - When not addressed, it degrades the appearance of our community's image.
  - Given this ongoing issue, the City continues to seek ways to deter individuals from illegally dumping



# OVERVIEW

- S.W.E.E.P Program was created to help address removal of trash from public R.O.W.
- Over 15 tons of trash/debris has been collected since July 2024.
- Staff continues to seek additional measures to address illegal dumping.

# PROPOSED CONSIDERATION

- One effort to address this issue is to amend portions of Chapter 8.40 “Nuisances”.
- A definition of “illegal dumping” needs to be codified in Section 8.40.020.
- Definition as noted in report is commonly used in other jurisdictions ordinances.





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## CONSIDERATION

- Additional amendment to this section is to establish a fine for illegal dumping.
- Penalty fee is currently assessed per the “General Penalty” under Section 1.12.
- Staff recommends a fine of \$1,000 be established.
- This can be accomplished under Section 1.13.050(D) of the municipal code.

# PROPOSED CONSIDERATION

- Alternative penalty can be established, subject to recommendation by Dept. Head & approval by Council.
- Factors that warrant penalty include:
  - Seriousness of violation,
  - Responsible party's effort to correct violation
  - Injury/Damage
  - Amount of City staff time used to investigate
  - Amount of Admin. penalties imposed on similar occurrences.
  - Necessity to mitigate the damage.



# CONCLUSION



- Illegal dumping is a serious violation.
- Creates visual blight & becomes a public nuisance.
- Staff believes enforcement of the increased penalty represents clean up costs that should be an available alternative utilized by Code Enforcement.

# Questions

