



City of Visalia

Neighborhood Preservation Division

2004

Start of Code Enforcement

- CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HIRED AND THE EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF A CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM BEGAN AS PART OF THE BUILDING DIVISION.


2005

- UPDATES TO VISALIA MUNICIPAL
- ESTABLISHED ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES
- APPEAL PROCESS
- SUMMARY ABATEMENTS
- CLARIFIED PUBLIC NUISANCE
DECLARATION

2006

Code Enforcement Program updated

- CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
- BUILDING INSPECTOR
- SUPPORT STAFF
- PART TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIALIST

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- Visalia Municipal Code 1.13 Updated
 - Established
 - Administrative Penalties
 - Appeal Process
 - Summary Abatements
 - Visalia Municipal Code 8.40 Public Nuisance Updated
 - Clarified Public Nuisance Declarations

NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION DIVISION

Established in 2007 as a Division of the Housing
and Economic Development Department to
Enforce Violations of the Visalia Municipal
Code and Maintain and Improve
Neighborhoods

2007

Neighborhood Preservation

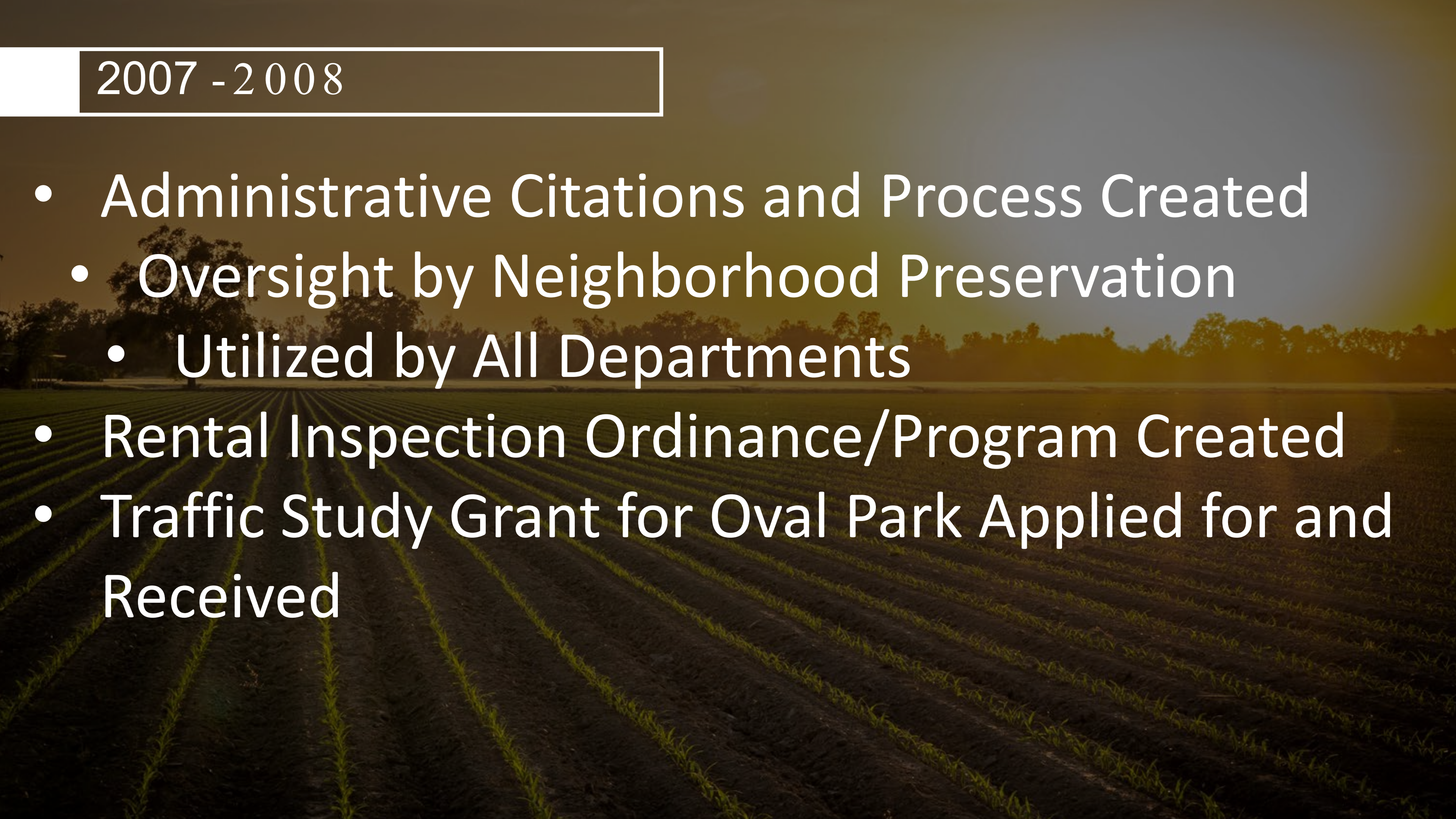
- NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION MANAGER
- BUILDING INSPECTOR
- CODE ENFORCEMENT TECHNICIAN
- PART TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT TECHNICIAN

2007

FIRST MAJOR NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROJECT

Based on 618 Police Calls for Service in a 24 Month Period-
The Dead-End Alley Off Nobel (Between Bridge and Santa Fe) was Fenced





2007 - 2008

- Administrative Citations and Process Created
 - Oversight by Neighborhood Preservation
 - Utilized by All Departments
- Rental Inspection Ordinance/Program Created
- Traffic Study Grant for Oval Park Applied for and Received

ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS

NUMBER OF CITATIONS	YEAR
598	2007
1006	2022
672	2023
971	2024

2009



- TRANSFERRED PRIVATE PROPERTY VEHICLE ABATEMENT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION
- ADDED A PRIVATE PROPERTY VEHICLE ABATEMENT OFFICER

VISALIA MUNICIPAL CODE CHANGES

Monthly Collaborative Meetings With
Other Departments Resulted in the
Following Code
Updates/Additions/Changes

2009 - 2012

- Aggressive Panhandling Ordinance Implemented
- Public Nuisance Ordinance Updated
 - Excessive Calls for Service Enforcement Improved
 - Camping Added
 - Depositing Feces Added
- Graffiti Ordinance Updated (2010/2024)
- Decommissioned Ice House Park
- Changed Recycling Facility Requirements in the Zoning Ordinance
- Marijuana Ordinance Implemented (2011/2012/2017)

2013-2019

- Shopping Cart Ordinance Implemented(2013/2019)
- Massage Ordinance Implemented(2016/ 2025)
- Bee Ordinance Updated
 - Removed Police Officer Requirement
- Park Rules Ordinance Updated
 - Added Park Bans for Criminal Behavior
 - Changed Park Hours for Oval Park, Seven Oaks and the Skate Park

2020 - 2025

- Changes to Commercial Vehicles in Residential Areas
- Fines Increased for Illegal Dumping to \$1000
- Vehicle Street Storage Updated
- Special Event Permit Process Updated (2023/2025)

St Johns River Clean Ups





2021

\$232,000 UTILIZED TO CLEAN UP THE ST. JOHNS
RIVER 2016-2021

FULL TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT TECHNICIAN
ADDED TO ENFORCE WATERWAY ISSUES

RESPONSIBLE FOR NEARLY 46 MILES OF
WATERWAYS INCLUDING THE ST. JOHNS RIVER

2023 - 2024

- 2023-CODE ENFORCEMENT TECHNICIANS RECLASSIFIED AS CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
- 2024-GRAFFITI ABATEMENT TRANSFERRED TO NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION
- 2024-SWEEP TEAM TRANSFERRED TO NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION
- 2024-ADDITIONAL CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ADDED FOR COMMERCIAL AND ENTITLEMENT INSPECTIONS

COMMERCIAL/ENTITLEMENT INSPECTIONS

February 2024 through August 2025

- 321 Commercial Locations Inspected
- Cease and Desist Orders Issued to 27 Businesses
- 14 Businesses Not Permitted to Reopen

GRAFFITI ABATEMENT

JANUARY 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025

- RESPONDED TO 1,194 WORKS ORDERS
- 17,917 SQUARE FEET OF GRAFFITI ABATED



SOLID WASTE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (SWEEP)

JUNE 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

RESPONDED TO 337 COMMUNITY MEMBER
COMPLAINTS

- PROCESSED 1,831 WORK ORDERS
- 183,620 POUNDS/91.81 TONS OF DEBRIS
REMOVED
- 99 APPLIANCES
- 139 TIRES
- 234 MATTRESSES
- 98 E-WASTE ITEMS

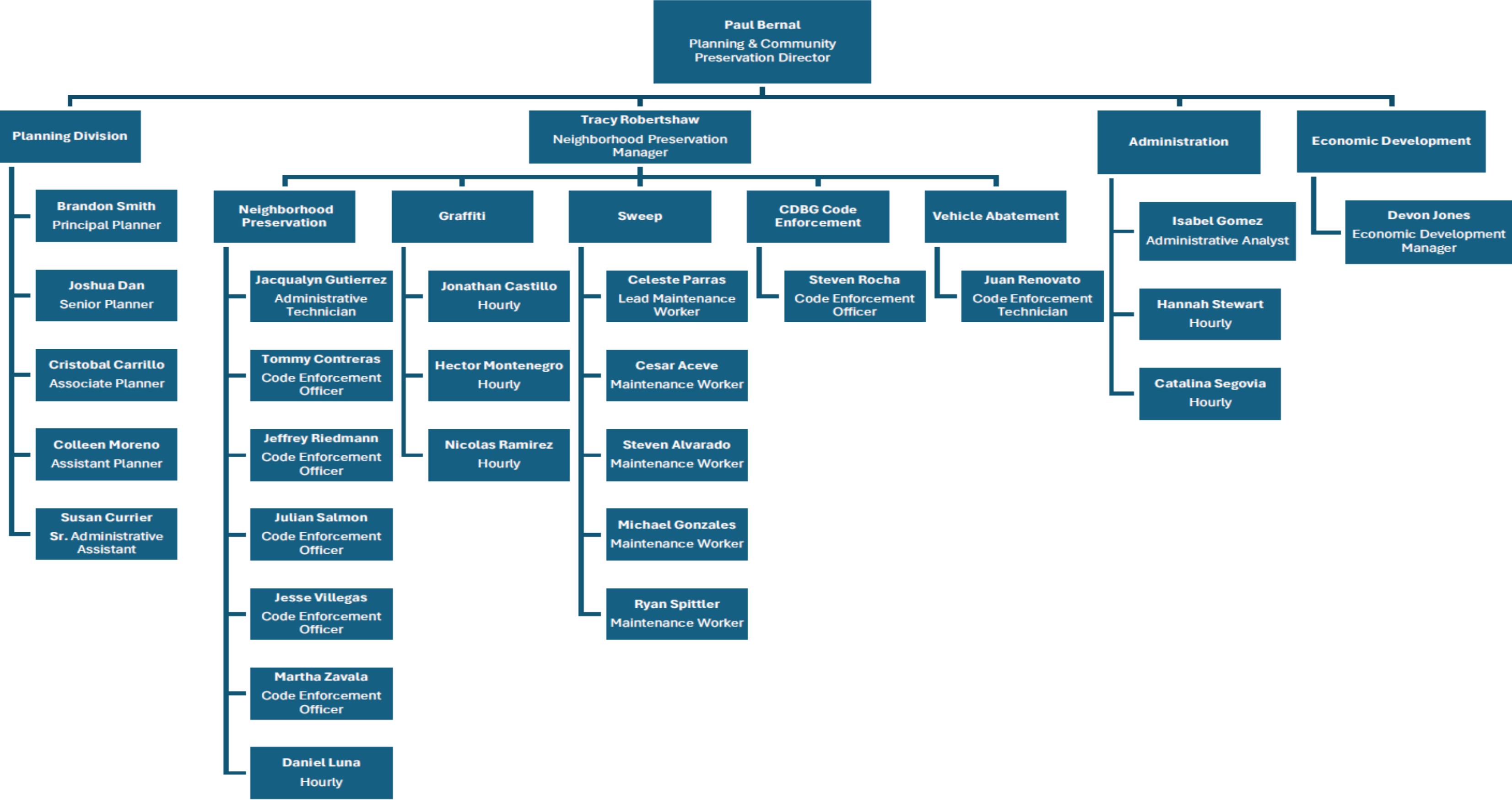


NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION DIVISION

2025

- 1 Manager
- 1 Support Staff
- 7 Code Enforcement Officers
- 1 Code Enforcement Technician
- 2 Part-time Code Enforcement Technicians
- 5 SWEEP Maintenance Service Worker
 - 1 Lead/4 Maintenance Service Worker
- 5 Part-time Graffiti Abatement Staff (3 Vacancies)

Planning and Community Preservation



CASE STATISTICS

YEAR	CASES	SUBSTANDARD
2006	232	UNKNOWN
2007	241	UNKNOWN
2008	918	263
2022	1562	181
2023	1565	155
2024	1846	163

13 DANGEROUS BUILDINGS DEMOLISHED



SUBSTANDARD HOUSING ISSUES RESOLVE AN AVERAGE 190 PER YEAR



FOUND PROPERTY STORAGE



VISUAL BLIGHT



HOME BASED BUSINESS VIOLATIONS



VENDOR ENFORCEMENT



UNMAINTAINED SWIMMING POOLS



PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ISSUES



SHOPPING CARTS



ILLEGAL MARIJUANA GROWS



COST RECOVERY EFFORTS

- HOURLY COSTS
- CODE ENFORCEMENT TECHNICIAN \$142.00
- FINES
 - 100.00 FIRST DAY, 200.00 SECOND AND 500.00 EVER DAY THEREAFTER (Established by the California Civil Code)
 - SHOPPING CARTS \$50.00 PER CART, PER DAY (Established by the California Business and Professions Code)
- RESPONSIBLE FOR SUMMARY ABATEMENTS (Boarding and Clean-up Costs)

COST RECOVERY

YEAR	TOTAL	PAID	PENDING
2006	\$32,513	\$32,512	-0-
2008	\$154,814	\$154,814	-0-
2022	\$270,377	\$201,225	\$69,278
2023	\$275,377	\$183,730	\$91,647
2024	\$309,396	\$221,391	\$88,005

ENFORCEMENT OPTIONS

- SUMMARY ABATEMENTS
- NOTICE AND ORDERS
- ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT ORDERS
- DECLARATION OF SUBSTANDARD BUILDING AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION/PROCEEDINGS (TITLE CLOUD)
- FINES
- ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS
- WARRANTS (INSPECTION/ABATEMENT)
- STIPULATED AGREEMENTS

REPORTING VIOLATIONS

- COMPLAINTLINE (559) 713 4534
- ONLINE www.visalia.city
- DIRECTLY CONTACTING STAFF

An aerial photograph of the Fox Theatre in Visalia, California, taken at sunset. The theatre is a large, light-colored building with a prominent tower featuring the 'FOX' logo. It is surrounded by a parking lot filled with cars and trees. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The text 'Thank you' is overlaid in a large, white, serif font across the center of the image.

Thank you

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