



For many of us our homes are our most important investment. One of the most important factors when purchasing a home is the neighborhood that it is in. A strong, attractive neighborhood not only increases the value of our home, but more importantly, it can help to keep our families safe and secure and improve our overall quality of life. In the City of Glendale, we make every effort to maintain and improve the strength of our neighborhoods and have made this one of our highest priorities and one of our City Council Strategic Goals for 2009.

In most cases, Glendale residents maintain their properties in compliance with city code. Of course there are those instances where a property is in violation of one or more of our codes. In most of those cases our residents take the necessary corrective action to comply within the timeframe that is established. However, in the past, when the corrective action has not taken place, Code Compliance Inspectors had to draft a complaint form and file it with the City Court so that a summons could be issued. Court staff processed the summons and the responsible person was served and required to appear in court. This process required the involvement of multiple staff to serve a civil citation for code violations.

On March 10, 2009 the City Council and I amended the city code to assist city officials when addressing problem properties that are negatively affecting our neighborhoods. The amendment allows Code Compliance Inspectors the ability to write civil citations and fast tracks the enforcement process for repeat offenders. When the amendment goes into effect on April 9, 2009 our inspectors will continue to educate residents about code violations and issue notices of violation, but they will now have the authority to issue civil citations which will streamline the process, save staff resources and result in quicker resolution of code violations within our neighborhoods.

If you have any questions about the approved amendment or any other code compliance issues contact the Code Compliance Department at 623-930-3610.

Your councilmembers and I will continue to take actions that will secure strong, safe and attractive neighborhoods for all of you.

Thank you taking the time to read my "Glendale Bulletins". Please contact me at (623) 930-2260 or mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com, if you have any comments or questions. I strive to provide the most timely information and best possible service to you, the citizens of Glendale. I sincerely appreciate your feedback.