



2018 City Council Candidate Questions

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Are you satisfied with current Code Enforcement as a way of protecting neighborhood uses and quality of life? If yes, why? If not, how would you increase the effectiveness of Code Enforcement activities?

PAT BOONE

Somewhat, I think we need more investigations, but to do it we need more Code Enforcement Officers.

We need to speed up responding to neighbor concerns. There needs to be a 24 hour rule on a response, no one should wait more than a day to hear back from the city. And possibly we should consider a Code Enforcement Residents Board.

ALISON CORMACK

Yes. The recent audit indicated this is not a widespread problem and I am aware of only a few instances that were issues in recent years.

TOM DUBOIS

No, I am not.

We need to make sure our code enforcement department is adequately and properly staffed. We lost a productive member of the code enforcement team. Enforcement needs to be a higher priority and to get the funding it deserves. We have an audit planned to dig into this area by the City Auditor. Too many complaints appear to languish. We also need to tighten up code with stronger penalties for multiple violations.

ERIC FILSETH

I think we made considerable progress in the last year or two, and I'm sorry to see James Stephens moving on -- I wish him well but we'll miss him.

CORY WOLBACH

No, I am not satisfied, and the complaints I hear from residents about this are numerous. Responding to this issue, we have invested in expanding our Code Enforcement staff, and encouraged them to be more responsive and proactive.