

Dear Mr. McMahon:

My name is Barton Wong, and I am the Area Supervisor for Code Enforcement in your neighborhood for the City of Aurora.

Over the past few years the perimeter streets of S. Chambers Rd. and E. Hampden Ave. around the Mission Viejo neighborhood have had weeds growing and litter and debris collecting in the landscaped areas and sidewalks. Aurora City Code requires abutting property owners to public sidewalks maintain these areas to the street curb.

This past June, Neighborhood Liaison Marsha Osborn coordinated efforts with the Mission Viejo Board leadership and scheduled a Cleanup Day on a Saturday, blocking off the curb lane on S. Chambers. Letters were sent out ahead of time to inform property owners of their responsibility and provided them an opportunity to take care of the weeds and debris.

Today, weeds are still out in the sidewalk area and in the landscaped area by the wall. Beginning Monday, August 14, 2006 our office will issue a Notice of Violation to all properties that abut S. Chambers Rd. and include a notice to abate. Our time schedule will be to seek compliance within ten (10) days of the date of Notice, and to order abatement of weeds and trash & debris if non-compliant. Each property owner will be sent a bill for the abatement action, and if not paid in a timely manner the cost will be recorded as a lien against the property and sent to the Arapahoe County Assessor's office. With an administrative fee included in the total cost, this will be much more expensive to each property owner than if the owner responded and took care of the issues on his/her own.

Mr. McMahon, I am looking for assistance from you and the Mission Viejo Board to come up with a long-term solution so we can work cooperatively with the Homeowners Association and with all property owners, and avoid this enforcement procedure every year. I would be happy to meet with you and the Board, interested homeowners, and the Neighborhood Liaison to brainstorm any ideas. We also need to address similar conditions along E. Hampden Ave. between Chambers and Buckley Rd.

The Code Enforcement Officer for your area is Ricki Fletcher, and she is a good resource in any future discussions. I look forward to your thoughts and ideas. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reply or contact me by telephone.

Thank you,

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