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Dear Registered Non-Owner Occupied Property Owner-

With the growing season in full swing, the City of Peoria Community Development Department is issuing a significant amount of abates and work orders for tall grass and vegetation. If you have a tenant or maintenance company responsible for cutting the grass, please take the time to ensure the work is being done. **Make sure a tenant clearly knows if it is their responsibility to do yard work and remind them they need to trim around fence lines and at the alley.**

The Code Enforcement Division does not want to cite your property and the preference is for the yard to be routinely maintained. **Staff has noticed a large amount of rental property not cutting their grass.** Earlier this year, the City of Peoria Community Development Department launched a new Code Enforcement notification system for property owners. Property owners who sign up for the notification system will be notified via text message and/or email the same day a notice to abate or a work order has been issued at their property. (Please note this will not prevent citations from being issued to habitual offenders.)

To sign up for the notification system, visit PeoriaCodeViolations.com. Property owners can register their properties using the Parcel ID number found by following the instructions listed on the website. Owners will receive notification on the same day their property is found to have violations.

The Code Enforcement Division will continue to communicate to all homeowners and our landlord community the importance of being proactive, holding their tenants accountable, and monitoring their own properties. Please note that failure to receive a text message or an email is not a defense for having code violations on your property. Repeat offenders are subject to citations based on current Department policy and the City of Peoria will complete certain work orders on a priority or emergency basis.

Compliance continues to be the main goal of the Code Enforcement Division and this new software should serve as a valuable tool for property owners. Please be reminded that the following requirements related to property maintenance will be enforced per Department policy:

- Grass and weeds cannot exceed ten inches in length. This includes growth in fence lines, around foundations, and at the alley.
- Litter must be removed from the entire property, including the alley, around porches, curb lines, and fence lines. Loose trash and litter cause blight and contribute to pest issues.
- Vehicles parked on the property must be licensed and operable; tags must be current, and the vehicle cannot be in disrepair.

Property maintenance is a simple way to appreciate our neighborhoods and give us all more reasons to appreciate Peoria. More information can be found about neighborhood programs and property maintenance at AppreciatePeoria.com.

For questions regarding the Code Enforcement notification system or property maintenance, please contact Code Enforcement at 309.494-8654. To report properties with code violations, please contact Peoria Cares at 309.494.CARE or by visiting the City of Peoria website at peoriagov.org.

Sincerely,

City of Peoria Community Development Department