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Code Enforcement Issues Reminder to Tackle Overgrown Weeds

El Paso, Texas – As we enter the spring season, the El Paso Police Department’s Code Enforcement Bureau reminds property owners of the importance of keeping overgrown weeds and uncultivated plants under control. City ordinance (9.04.860) requires property owners to keep these types of vegetation under 12 inches.

Overgrown weeds and uncultivated plants can be a nuisance to the community. Spreading quickly during warm weather, attracting pests that can carry diseases, affect those that suffer from allergies, and can even cause property damage.

“Our Code Enforcement Bureau has been working to resolve the ongoing issues with weeds in our community. Our main goal is to gain voluntary compliance whenever possible.” Says Code Enforcement Director, Steve Alvarado. “Code Enforcement and Clean El Paso teams will provide an extension to any property owner who requests additional time to resolve the overgrown weeds.”

Code Enforcement recommends property owners regularly inspect their property and take action to keep them under control. This can include mowing, trimming, or removing them altogether. For properties with double frontage, the side or back portions must also be maintained. Property owners who fail to comply with the city's ordinance may receive a visit from Code Enforcement, have a lien placed on the property, or legal action.

About the Code Enforcement Bureau – Code Enforcement operates under the El Paso Police Department and investigates nuisance violations. Code Enforcement teams work Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with other teams working from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. to cover weekends.

For more information on the city's ordinance on overgrown weeds or to report violations the public can contact 311.

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