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Clear the Way: Code Enforcement Urges Against Sidewalk Obstructions

El Paso, Texas – As temperatures rise steadily, El Paso residents are expected to enjoy the pleasant weather by engaging in outdoor activities such as walking through their neighborhoods. The El Paso Police Department’s Code Enforcement Bureau reminds property owners of their responsibility to keep sidewalks free of obstructions and debris.

Obstructions on sidewalks can pose a hazard to pedestrians, causing them to walk on the street or forcing them to navigate around the obstruction, potentially causing trips, falls, or accidents. Common obstructions include parked vehicles, overgrown vegetation, construction materials, or household items left out for pickup.

“Code Enforcement responds to various sidewalk obstructions, which include overgrown brush/trees, vehicles blocking the sidewalk, and abandoned items in the right of way. Says Code Enforcement Director, Steve Alvarado. “These obstructions force our residents into the street or the sloped driveways. Please keep the public sidewalks clear of any obstructions.”

The Code Enforcement Bureau suggest property owners regularly inspect the sidewalk in front of their property and act to remove any obstructions promptly. For properties with double frontage, the side or back portions must also be maintained. Failure to comply with the city’s ordinance can result in a visit from Code Enforcement, possible liens, or legal action.

Code Enforcement also reminds residents that the sidewalks are public property and should not be used for personal storage or parking. Vehicles parked on the sidewalk can also face fines or legal action.

Sidewalks are a vital part of the city's transportation infrastructure, providing safe and accessible routes for pedestrians.

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

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