

**Priority Area:**

Improve Community Appearance

**Goal/Objective:**

Improve general appearance of city.

**Strategy 5- Review Non-Residential Property Maintenance Code for additional building maintenance requirements for structures:****Action Steps:**

- a. Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services Dept. to conduct review and update of current Non-Residential Property Maintenance Code for possible changes that can be made to enhance maintenance requirements of buildings. May consider updating current code with the International Property Maintenance Code (includes both residential and commercial).

The current code and a possible International Property Maintenance Code address current structures, and do not address new construction. New construction is covered by the 2018 International Building Codes. As presented, review of compliance with code would consist of an exterior review to improve community appearance. Interior inspections would occur based on complaints or concerns raised by citizens or if concerns observed and reported by other city departments during other code required inspections (i.e. health department or fire department). New inspection could also be required upon a change of ownership of business (business license inspection).

- b. Inform stakeholders for input in process.
- c. Bring to city council for consideration.

**Resources Required:**

1. PDNS staff time to conduct or oversee review.
2. Funding for 0.50 FTE Building Inspector.
3. Funding for vehicle and equipment for staff position (unless combined with another).
4. Funding for 0.25 FTE additional court/prosecutor staff.

**Total Plan Cost:**

Total Additional FTE: 0.75

One-Time Costs: \$1,500

Staffing Annual Costs: \$50,000

Program Annual Costs: \$5,000

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Desired Benefit/Outcome:

Improved appearance of community through enhanced beautification requirements for ongoing maintenance of existing structures in city. Increased pride of residents and business owners in appearance of city. City is more attractive to new residents and business investment.

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