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## Code Enforcement Report - January

Warnings: 15

8 for Public Nuisance

7 for Illegal Parking (Trailers)

Carry-Over cases from 2024: 11

6 for Public Nuisance

5 for High Grass

Cases brought into compliance by residents / owners: 11

5 for Public Nuisance

6 for Illegal Parking (Trailer)

Court appearances: 1

1 for Public Nuisance (Hinojosa)

Acts as department's unofficial mechanic, following up on reported maintenance issues (bulbs, fluids, wipers, tire rotations, & oil changes)

Assists with front desk coverage during Admin's lunch break

Acts as building maintenance person, recently removing and repairing a faulty door knob at the PD, along with assisting repairman when heater failed during the recent freeze, as well as frequently emptying trash, cleaning, etc., along with other members of the department

Created a new database for all 2025 enforcement actions, to include all pertinent information of the property in question (tax ID numbers, intake sheets, photos of violations, and up to date enforcement actions), while maintaining an archival copy of the 2022, 2023 & 2024 ones

Acts a department point of contact for all calls and walk-ins regarding code of ordinances questions, whether at the PD, via phone calls or (oftentimes) stopped on the street by citizens with questions or concerns

Assists Animal Control with capture of loose canines, and in her absence cleans, feeds and waters the animals in the city's care

Assisted in the investigation of the hit-and-run near Dollar General by reviewing over 24 hours of surveillance video, calling over 140 local auto body repair shops, and acting upon vehicles suspected to possibly be involved, procuring parts to compare/use to further the investigation

Visited 90% of all businesses in town and secured emergency contact information for use in case of non-business hours emergency. Will complete the list in Feb. 2025

Begun campaign to identify all residences without address numbers clearly visible from the street, to aid in emergency response being able to quickly identify residences

Assisted in the run-up to the recent freeze by contacting Taft Public Library and asking them to put a notice on the city's electronic sign, making a Facebook post letting people know they could reach out to the PD for assistance and reminding them not to use any sort of open flame indoors to try and heat their homes, and putting together a list of financially disadvantaged / elderly / disabled persons that should be checked on by our on duty patrol officers during the freeze