

Code Compliance Changes in Mesa

Code Compliance in the City of Mesa is changing its enforcement procedures effective **January 8, 2007**. Major changes to the enforcement procedures include:

- Complaints will no longer be accepted anonymously, except in the case of imminent hazards.
- Courtesy notices will be sent to all responsible parties containing information on the received complaint or observed violation, and information on how to bring the property into compliance.
- First inspections will be conducted seven (7) days after the courtesy notice has been sent. A notice of violation will be issued if—upon the first inspection—the violation is found to exist. The responsible parties will then have ten (10) days from the date of the violation to bring the property into compliance. If the violation still exists after the second inspection of the property, a citation may be issued. Every effort will still be made to contact and work with responsible parties prior to the issuance of a citation.

The goal of these changes is to reduce the number of trips code officers take into the field and to allow them to dedicate more time to difficult cases. Courtesy notices will give responsible parties the opportunity to correct violations prior to receiving a notice of violation.

“These procedural changes will allow for greater communication of information, more efficient use of code officer time, and more effective enforcement,” Mesa Acting Code Compliance Director, Ray Villa said.

For more information, contact Ray Villa at 480-644-4546 or visit our website at www.cityofmesa.org/codecomp.