



POOLS / PARKS / PROGRAMS

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
CC: Keven Burnett, Executive Director
From: Jack Seward, Operations Specialist
Date: November 16, 2020
Subject: Q4 Compliance Report

Dear Members of the Board,

I write to you today with my quarterly update on MCA compliance operations. As of the date of this memo, the MCA has opened 58 cases and all but 12 have been resolved to our satisfaction. There are a handful of cases that we have halted enforcement on until the growing season of 2021. At this point in the year it is not possible to install new landscaping but that is not to say you do not have to maintain your property.

A large focus this year was placed on trees and ensuring that trees are maintained alive and in a healthy condition. As of the writing of this memo all but two properties have removed dead or dying trees. While there is no requirement that trees be replaced most trees that are removed are then replaced by the property owner. We continue to work with the properties with outstanding tree violations to bring them into compliance.

On November 1 we executed a revision to the community maintenance standards that clarified the MCA requirements as they relate to the storage of trash and rubbish on the property. To summarize the revisions, the only requirement of owners when storing their trash containers is that the location of storage not prevent the free movement of traffic through the alley. The other revision relates to the storage of trash prior to pick up. Trash may only be stored in a city approved container except for the night prior to extra trash pickup. Properties must be maintained in a slightly and sanitary condition. These standards now mirror Denver ordinance.

At the tail end of the summer and now into the fall we have seen a dramatic increase of homeless encampments on MCA managed property. These are extremely difficult situations to address. Safely and effectively addressing these encampments consumes considerable staff time. Homeless encampments present a number of challenges. Our priority is safety, and we work in conjunction with the Denver Police Department to provide outreach and connection to advocacy services.

We have on occasion contacted individuals with outstanding warrants and sex offenders that are in violation of their court orders. In these situations, we rely on our partners at the Denver Police Department to ensure the appropriate actions are taken.

Once we have been able to vacate a homeless encampment, we then take on the time consuming clean up. Let me tell you we find all sorts of crazy things in these camps. From needles to human feces and weapons to illegal drugs. We have engaged a hazmat contractor to assist in the abatement of these sites to restore the natural resources and remediate any hazards. Camping of any sort is prohibited in an MCA park absent a permit issued by our office.

In the last few weeks, we finished the installation of new regulatory park rules signs in all the parks. We have also adopted new policies and procedures for park rules enforcement. Our focus remains on ensuring our parks are safe and welcoming places for everyone to enjoy.

Parking is another area we continue to see an increase of violation in. We have identified a number of semi-tractor trailers that appear to be abandoned throughout the neighborhood. We also have seen an increase of motor homes and RVs being parked unlawfully on the public streets and in the alleys. Vehicles including trailers cannot be parked in the same position for more than 72 hours. Trailers must always be attached to a licensed vehicle.

The MCA is committed to our work ensuring the neighborhood is the great place to live, work and play that we know it to be. Please reach out to me or our office if you have any concerns that we can work to address.

Grateful,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Seward". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke at the top and a flourish at the end.

Jack Seward
Operations Specialist