

CITY OF TEMPE HEARING OFFICER

Meeting Date: 10/19/2022

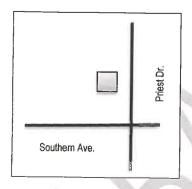
Agenda Item: 4

<u>ACTION</u>: Request approval to abate public nuisance items at the Davis Property located at 2923 S. Albert Avenue. The applicant is the City of Tempe – Code Compliance.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$5,311 for abatement request: landscape cleanup for entire property, remove junk, trash & debris from front, back and side yard areas.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff – Approval of 180-day open abatement

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: City of Tempe – Code Compliance Section requests approval to abate items in violation of the Tempe City Code at the DAVIS PROPERTY. The details of this case represent several months of correspondence for compliance with the property owner. Staff requests the approval of abatement of the following nuisance items under Complaint CE222546: landscape cleanup for entire property, remove junk, trash & debris from front, back and side yard areas.



Property Owner
Applicant
Zoning District:
Code Compliance
Inspector:

John M. Davis City of Tempe – Code Compliance R1-6, Single Family Residential Hector Heredia

ATTACHMENTS: Supporting Attachment

STAFF CONTACT: Drew Yocom, Code Administrator (480-858-2190)

Department Director: Jeffrey Tamulevich, Department Director

Legal review by: N/A

Prepared by: Barbara Simons, Code Inspector Reviewed by: Drew Yocom, Code Administrator

COMMENTS:

Code Compliance is requesting approval to abate the Davis Property located at 2923 S. Albert Avenue, in the R1-6 Single Family Residential district. This case was initiated 04/21/2022, after which Code Compliance has attempted to obtain compliance through correspondence with the property owner regarding violations of the Tempe City Code.

Without the intervention of abatement, the property will continue to deteriorate. It is therefore requested that the City of Tempe Community Development Hearing Officer approve a 180-day open abatement of this public nuisance in accordance with Section 21-53 of the Tempe City Code.

HISTORY & FACTS:

The history and facts of this case are detailed in an attached memo from the Code Compliance Inspector.

Planning Application Submittal Form

Part 1 of 2

City of Tempe Community Development Department
31 East 5th Street, Garden Level, Tempe, Arizona 85281
(480) 350-4311 Fax (480) 350-8677
Plantage Fax (480) 350-8872 http://www.tempe.gov/planning



All applications must be accompanied by the required plans, submittal materials, and correct fee(s)

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DATE:

09.09.2022

TO:

Julie Scofield, Senior Code Inspector

FROM:

Hector Heredia, Code Inspector

SUBJECT:

CE222546: JOHN M DAVIS PROPERTY ABATEMENT FINDINGS

LOCATION: 2923 S ALBERT AVE TEMPE, AZ 85282

PARCEL:

123.57.009

OWNER:

DAVIS JOHN M

2923 S ALBERT AVE **TEMPE, AZ 85282**

FINDINGS:

04.21.2022: Code Compliance received anonymous complaints regarding junk / debris including a deteriorated landscape with over height on the front and back yard areas. These concerns were verified, and a first notice was mailed to the property owner.

05.09.2022: At the second inspection no corrective actions had taken place and a final notice was mailed to the property.

05.18.2022: Management received a call that Care7 and Tempe Neighbor's Helping Neighbors was now involved due to physical, mental, and financial hardships. An extension was granted for proper assessment of the owner and current conditions the property was in.

07.12.2022: Assistance and care by Care7 and Tempe Neighbor's Helping Neighbors continue to be offered to Mr. Davis.

08.05.2022: Work continues between Care7 / Tempe Neighbor's Helping Neighbors and Mr. Davis.

08.18.2022: All party's involved have stopped communication with Code Compliance. Mr. Davis has been reluctant to move forward with assistance and the necessary process to clear pending violations.

08.26.2022: After multiple failed attempts to reach City Agencies and Property Owner where no corrective actions had taken place, a final notice was mailed to the property. 09.09.2022: After failed attempts to reach the property owner, the abatement packet was turned in for the October 19th, 2022, Hearing Officer.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

I recommend an abatement of the nuisance violations at the property located at **2923 S ALBERT AVE** due to property owner's failure to bring property into compliance with Tempe City Codes 21-3.B.1 & 21-3.B.8. John M Davis has been given ample time to come into compliance and maintain the property. There has been no indication that the property owner will bring the property into compliance. The property represents a health hazard and an eyesore to the community.

Without the intervention of abatement, the property will continue to deteriorate. I therefore make a request to the City of Tempe Community Development Hearing Officer for authorization to abate this public nuisance in accordance with section 21-53 of the Tempe City Code and authorization of multiple abatements for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days from the previous abatement order.

Respectfully submitted,

Hector Heredia Code Inspector

ACTION TAKEN:	submitted 1
NAME	Jula Scofield
DATE:	9/9/22



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE

DATE: 09.09.2022 CASE # CE222546

DAVIS JOHN M 2923 S ALBERT AVE TEMPE, AZ 85282

This serves as notification of the City of Tempe's intentions regarding the abatement of code violations on the following described property:

LOCATION: 2923 S ALBERT AVE TEMPE, AZ 85282

PARCEL: 123.57.009

This office will submit this complaint to the Community Development Abatement Hearing Officer located at the Tempe City Council Chambers on 10.19.2022. We are requesting Hearing Officer Authorization to abate this public nuisance in accordance with Section 21-53 of the Tempe City Code by removal and repair of:

Violation of City of Tempe Codes

CC 21-3.B.1

Filthy, littered, debris or trash-covered exterior areas, including exterior areas under any roof not enclosed by the walls, doors or windows of any building; including, but not limited to, areas that contain items such as cans, bottles, wood, metal, plastic, rags, boxes, paper, tires, auto parts; unused, inoperable, worn out or discarded appliances or other household items; lumber, scrap iron, tin and other metal not neatly piled, or anything whatsoever that is or may become a hazard to public health and safety, or that may harbor insect, rodent or vermin infestation. This subsection shall not be deemed to include items kept in covered bins or metal receptacles approved by the County Health Officer or this Code or any other ordinance of the City

CC 21-3.B.8

• Any landscaping, visible from public property, that is substantially dead, damaged, or characterized by uncontrolled growth, or presents a deteriorated or slum-like appearance; uncultivated plants, weeds, tall grass, uncultivated shrubs or growth (whether growing or otherwise) higher than twelve (12) inches; or any dead trees, bushes, shrubs or portions thereof, including stumps; or any palm or similar type tree having dead or dry fronds descending downward from the base of the lowest living frond more than eight (8) feet or dry fronds longer than five (5) feet and closer than eight (8) feet to the ground.

If the violations have not been corrected within thirty days, our office will proceed with the abatement process. As owner of the property, you have thirty (30) days after receipt of this letter to abate or correct any violation as described below:

- 1. REMOVE ALL JUNK / DEBRIS FROM THE ENTIRE PROPERTY BACK / FRONT / FRONT SIDE YARD AREAS PERMANENTLY.
- 2. REMOVE ALL OVER HEIGHT GRASS / WEEDS FROM THE ENTIRE PROPERTY AND RIGHT OF WAY AREAS PERMANENTLY.

Upon receipt of the Hearing Officer approval to abate this public nuisance, the necessary work will be performed at the expense of the property owner. The cost of this work will be \$5,311.00. In addition to the actual cost of abatement, an administrative charge of fifteen (15) percent of the actual cost of abatement or three hundred (\$300) dollars, whichever is greater, for expenses incurred by the city for abatement procedures, and the cost of recording liens and releases will be charged. The recorded lien may bear interest at the legal rate for judgments in the State of Arizona. Administrative charges and the cost of recording liens and releases shall become a lien on the property whether or not the public nuisance is abated by the City.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact our office at (480) 350-4311.

Code Inspector: Hector Heredia Phone Number: 480.350.5462

E-mail: hector_heredia@tempe.gov



September 6, 2022

City of Tempe Attn: Hector Heredia Code Inspector

RE: Clean-Up at 2923 S. Albert Ave, Tempe, AZ 85282

Thank you for giving Artistic Land Management, Inc the opportunity to serve your landscaping needs. Below is our price to provide all labor, equipment, landfill fees, and supervision to perform the work listed below at 2923 S. Albert Ave, Tempe, AZ. Please give us a call for any questions you may have at 480-821-4966.

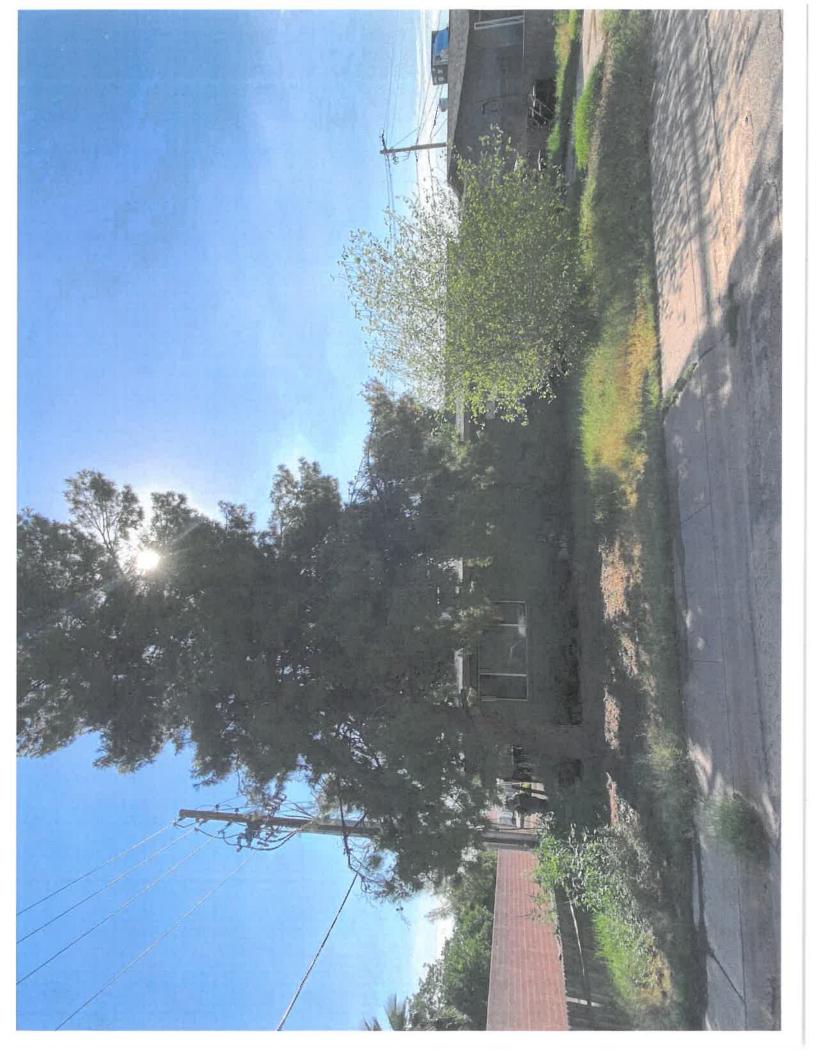
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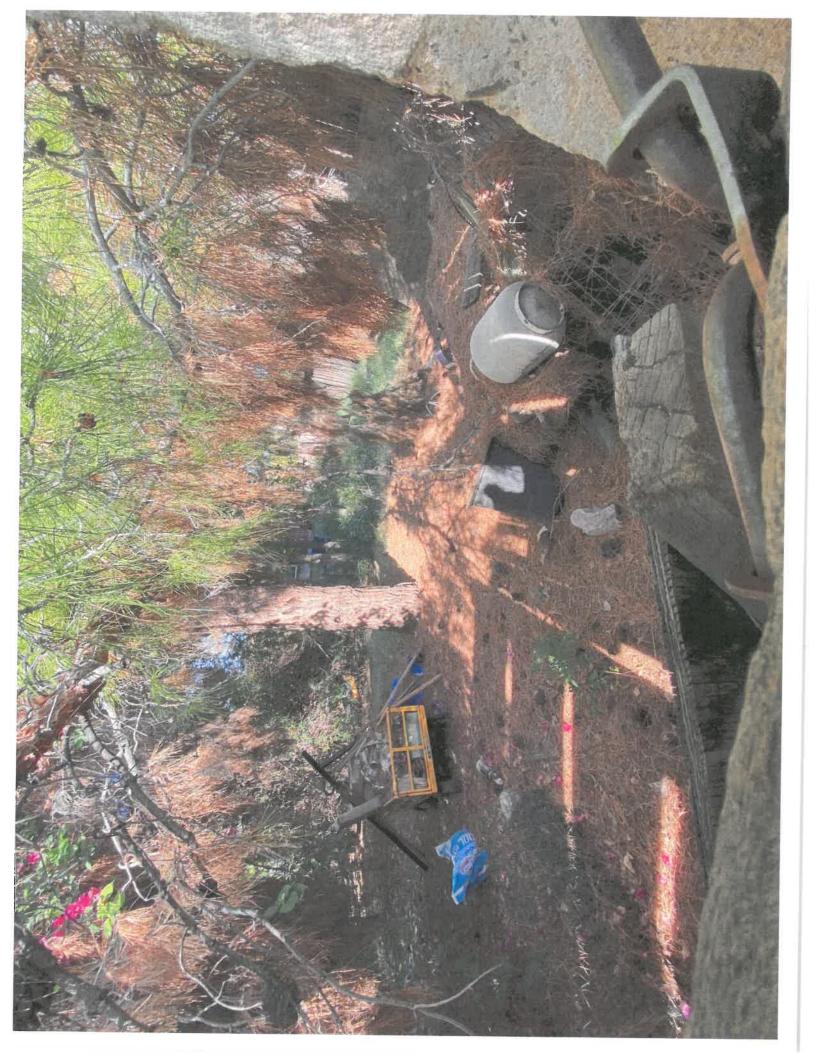
- Clean-up deteriorated and overgrown landscape throughout entire property (Front, Back, and Right of Way)
- Remove junk and debris from entire property (Front, Back, and Side yard)
- Police presence on-site for duration of the visit

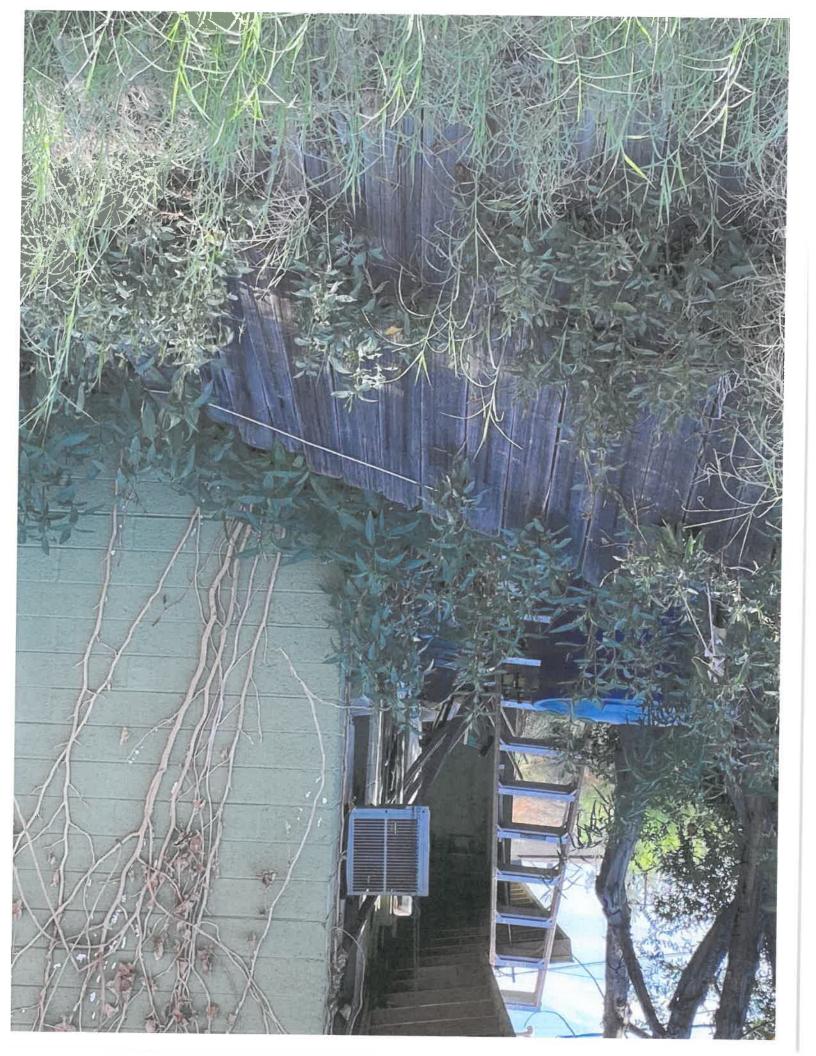
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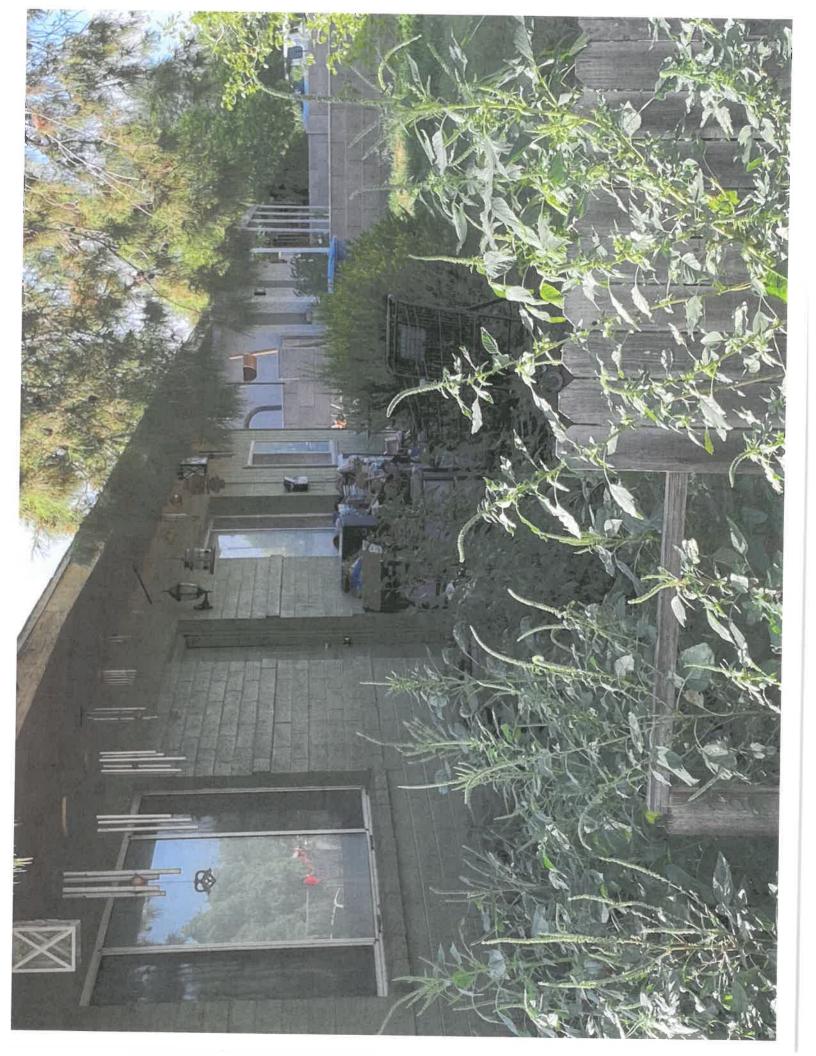
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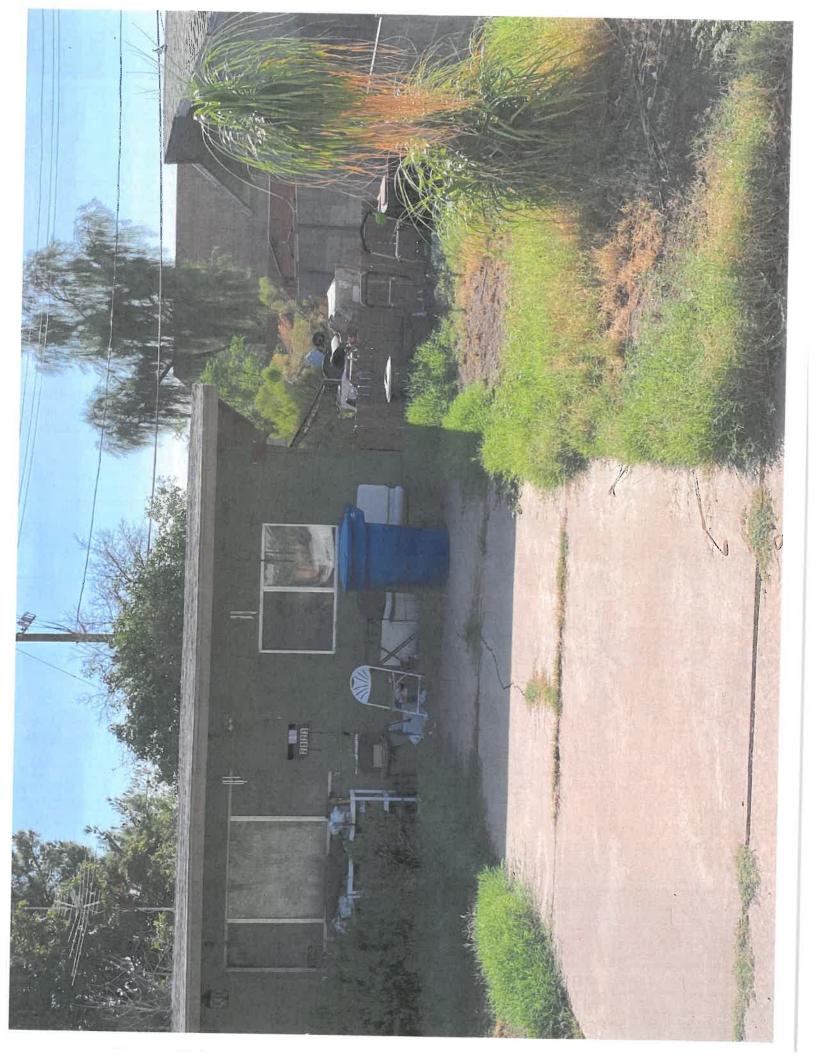
Jose Hernandez













COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT CODE COMPLIANCE CORRECTION NOTICE

04/21/2022

DAVIS JOHN M 2923 S ALBERT AVE TEMPE, AZ 852823401

Case #: CE222546

Site Address: 2923 S ALBERT AVE, TEMPE, AZ 85282

This is a notice to inform you that this site was inspected on 04/21/2022 and found to be in violation of the City of Tempe's Zoning and Development Code (ZDC) and/or Nuisances and Property Enhancement Ordinance, Chapter 21, Article I and/or II of the City Code (CC) as noted. Failure to comply may result in civil citation or criminal charges.

Section	Violation
CC 21-3.b.1	Filthy, littered, debris or trash-covered exterior areas, including exterior areas under any roof not enclosed by the walls, doors or windows of any building
CC 21-3.b.8	Uncultivated weeds in gravel landscape, or a lawn higher than 12 inches

PLEASE TAKE 1	THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIVE ACTION	SITE REINSP ON OR AFTER
CC 21-3.b.1	Please remove all the trash, litter, debris, and stored items from your properties front yard including underneath carport / driveway as needed. All storage items must be kept in an enclosed unit classified as a building with four walls and a door / window. An un-enclosed area cannot be maintained as outdoor storage. All debris must be discarded appropriately at city dump sites or designated bins to help diminish a deteriorated appearance. Lastly, make sure that your property is being maintained on a regular basis, if not regularly present please make proper arrangements to address such issues.	05/09/2022
CC 21-3.b.8	Please completely address and cut all the over height grass and weeds from your front yard area, including any visible surrounding areas, up against property walls and fence lines as necessary. Make sure to address and maintain city right of way areas that you are responsible for. Lastly, make sure that your property is being maintained on a regular basis, if not regularly present please make proper arrangements to address such issues.	05/09/2022
	These issues must be addressed. If your property is out of compliance again in a twelve-month period for the same violation/s, reoccurring violation fees and citations can be issued without warning or further notice. Please contact me at your earliest convenience.	

Please contact me if you have questions or need further assistance. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Hector Heredia Jr Code Inspector

Direct: 480-350-5462

Code Compliance: 480-350-4311 Email:Hector_Heredia@tempe.gov

Please Note: In the event of more than one violation occurring at this property in a calendar year, the property owner may be assessed a reinspection fee of \$82.00 pursuant to City Code Section 21-51, subsection (b). **Civil and Criminal Penalties**

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT CODE COMPLIANCE FINAL CORRECTION NOTICE

05/09/2022

DAVIS JOHN M 2923 S ALBERT AVE TEMPE, AZ 852823401

Case #: CE222546

Section

Site Address: 2923 S ALBERT AVE, TEMPE, AZ 85282

Violation

This is a notice to inform you that this site was inspected on 05/09/2022 and found to be in violation of the City of Tempe's Zoning and Development Code (ZDC) and/or Nuisances and Property Enhancement Ordinance, Chapter 21, Article I and/or II of the City Code (CC) as noted. Failure to comply may result in civil citation or criminal charges.

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CC 21-3.b.8	Please completely address and cut all the over height grass and weeds from your front yard area, including any visible surrounding areas, up against property walls and fence lines as necessary. Make sure to address and maintain city right of way areas that you are responsible for. Lastly, make sure that your property is being maintained on a regular basis, if not regularly present please make proper arrangements to address such issues.	5/23/2022	
	This is the final attempt to reach you regarding the above noted. These issues must be addressed. If your property is not brought into compliance before or on the due date a citation will be issued. There will be no more notices sent to your property due to negligence of the pending violations in a twelve-month period. As a final reminder, if your yard is out of compliance again in this period for the same violation/s, citations will be issued without further warning or notice. Please contact me by phone at your earliest convenience to discuss the details or for clarification.		

Please contact me if you have questions or need further assistance. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Hector Heredia Jr Code Inspector Direct: 480-350-5462

Code Compliance: 480-350-4311 Email:Hector_Heredia@tempe.gov

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT CODE COMPLIANCE FINAL CORRECTION NOTICE

08/26/2022

DAVIS JOHN M 2923 S ALBERT AVE TEMPE, AZ 852823401

Case #: CE222546

Site Address: 2923 S ALBERT AVE, TEMPE, AZ 85282

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CC 21-3.b.15	A wall or fence deteriorated in appearance or which constitutes a hazard	
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CC 21-3.b.8	Please completely address and cut all the over height grass and weeds from your entire property including any visible surrounding areas, up against property walls and fence lines as necessary. Make sure to address and maintain city right of way areas that you are responsible for. Properly discard all landscaping debris in appropriated dump bins or city dump sites. Lastly, make sure that your property is being maintained on a regular basis, if not regularly present please make proper arrangements to address such issues.	9/9/2022
CC 21-3.b.15	Please take all the precautionary measures necessary to repair / restore your property's perimeter fencing to its original, damage free and standing state including free of all deterioration. Please consider using like materials from the surrounding area so it does not appear to be a deteriorated state or a potential hazard for any pedestrian. This means replacing any missing planks, chain links or bricks including deteriorated paint to unify the appearance of the restoration project. All debris must be discarded appropriately at city dump sites or designated bins to help diminish a deteriorated appearance. Lastly, make sure that your property is being maintained on a regular basis, if not regularly present please make proper arrangements to address such issues.	9/9/2022

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