



Chapter 10 “Offenses” Changes as proposed by Heritage District Citizen Advisory Committee

April 3, 2012



Who/Why a Code Change Proposal

- Several grants and lots of cleanup work has occurred in recent years
- Heritage District Citizen Advisory Committee requested that City Council adopt code changes to prevent future blight and encourage property cleanup
- Council directed staff to pursue



Suggestions from Committee

- Removal of the exception for the Special Rural or Special Development area to allow for Code Compliance to work to gain compliance in the removal of “unsheltered storage of any abandoned vehicle or vehicle parts”
- Create assistance program to help disadvantaged residents come into compliance



Community Outreach Efforts

- Public forum publicized by committee members and via direct mail to all households and businesses in Heritage District (English and Spanish)
- March 8, 2012 public forum held
- 11 citizen attendees
- Consensus supported proposed Code modifications



Suggestions from Committee

- Creation of an assistance program to help residents with cleanup or shielding
 - Requesting \$50,000 grant program from City for cleanup assistance
- Timeframe for changes to take effect
 - One year to come into compliance with possibility of extension for special cases
- Requesting City seek solutions to the need for regular trash removal or community dumpster



Next Steps

- April 17: Council meeting for adoption of code changes and approval of assistance program
- Next 12 months: extensive outreach to Heritage District residents and execution of assistance program

