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Restructuring of Code Enforcement Department underway

The City's Code Enforcement Department has seen a number of changes while strengthening its efforts to enforce regulations that preserve and protect neighborhoods.

Organizational restructuring of the department has encompassed a revision of the city's zoning ordinance, two code enforcement officer transfers, and an allocation of funds for demolition projects in fiscal year 2015.

Beatriz Vedovato, a former animal control officer with the Anniston Police Department, and Jeff Fleming, a former probation officer with Anniston's Judicial Correction Services, have been transferred to the Code Enforcement Department to help with enforcement for all nuisance complaints.

They will also assist in investigating and prosecuting violations dealing with the City of Anniston Codes that govern: illegal dumping, signage, nuisances such as junk vehicles and over grown lots, housing standards, trash cans, residential and commercial zoning.

"I am very excited to have these code enforcement officers on board," said Senior Code Enforcement Officer Tana Bryant.

"They both have experience dealing with the public and have been well received by the residents we have come in contact with. They are not afraid of hard work and have already proven themselves to be part of the team. We are building a dynamic code enforcement department that is available and willing to assist in educating the public about ordinances, issues and whatever comes our way."

Code Enforcement Officers are responsible for the enforcement of municipal and technical codes. Abandoned and disabled vehicles, lot cleaning, tractor-trailer parking, signs on the right-of-way, construction projects without a permit, demolitions of sub-standard and/or dangerous structures are just some of the items handled by the Code Enforcement Department.

The staff additions to the department are a part of the City's efforts to accelerate initiatives that will reduce blight, demolish deteriorated structures, and improve property maintenance by establishing

partnerships with citizens and community groups while also educating them about city code requirements.

The City of Anniston

Located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in northeast Alabama, Anniston sits as the county seat for Calhoun County and a regional hub for legal, medical, and banking services. Home to the bronze-level mountain bike ride center of Coldwater Mountain, Anniston offers a wide range of recreational options such as biking the Chief Ladiga Trail or visiting the Anniston Museum of Natural History. For more information about the City of Anniston, visit anniston.al.gov.