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CITY OF HITCHCOCK

Press Release

The City of Hitchcock will begin an aggressive campaign to clean up the City through the enforcement of Codes and Nuisance Abatement.

Mayor Anthony Matranga announces a concentrated effort by the City of Hitchcock Code Enforcement Department, Building Inspection Department and Office of the Fire Marshall to clean up the City of Hitchcock.

Hitchcock, Texas, March 22nd, 2010: Working in cooperation with the City Commission, The Hitchcock Chamber of Commerce, and the Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation, the City of Hitchcock will begin a "Spring Cleaning Effort" to clean up the City. According to Mayor Matranga, this effort will entail the enforcement of Nuisance Codes, Building Codes, the Fire Code, and the Junk Vehicle Abatement Codes. We have numerous locations and lots overgrown with high weeds, numerous junk vehicles on City ROW and Private Property, substandard structures, and violations of the health, safety, and fire codes, according to Mayor Matranga. Residents and property owners are encouraged to clean up their respective properties and improve the overall appearance of the City as a whole. City Inspectors will be out in full force looking for these violations, and potentially citing property owners for failure to comply with the various codes. We have many vacant lots that still have downed trees from Hurricane Ike, and over 82 substandard structures that were severely damaged by Hurricane Ike that have not been repaired or cleaned up according to the Mayor. These lots and structures are dangerous, provide havens for rodents and snakes, and are just plain unsafe and unsightly according to the Mayor. We have health, safety, building, and fire codes on the books, and we will begin using them get things cleaned up.

Citizens and property Owners with questions or anybody who wishes to file a Complaint on a lot or structure should contact one of the following:

Rudy Moya, Code Enforcement 409-986-5591 Daryl Hunter, Building Inspector 409-986-5591

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