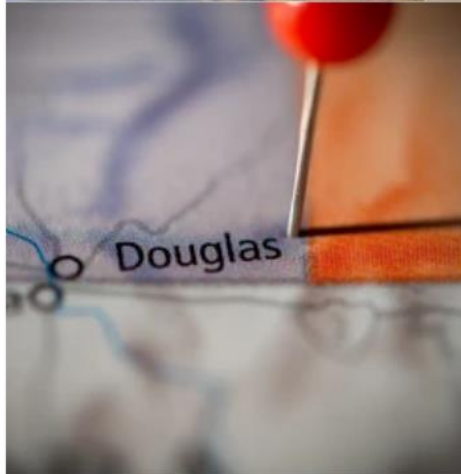




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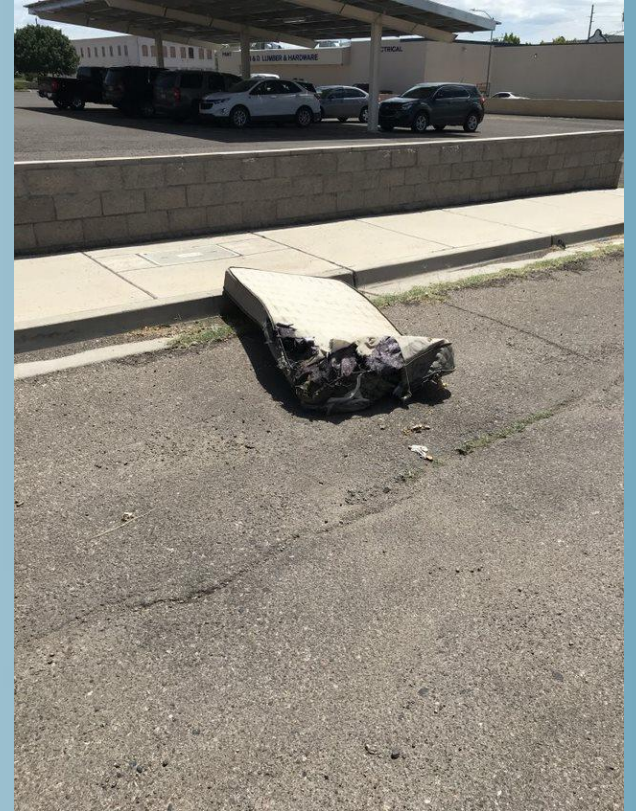
Alley Cleanup Current State & Alternatives

Mayor and Council Meeting
January 8, 2025



Recap of April 22, 2022 Presentation

- Presentation on challenges and current state of alley clean ups in the City
- Presented some solutions
- Received input from Mayor and Council



Douglas Municipal Code

8.32.140 - Public rights-of-way—Owner of adjacent property to maintain.

- Every person owning, or managing, or having charge, control or occupancy of any real property in the City shall at all times maintain the adjacent street right-of-way from the private property line to the curb or edge of pavement, and the portion of the alley contiguous with the property to the centerline of the alley, free of litter and weeds.



Solutions Presented

1. Education, Marketing and Enforcement

Current State: Ongoing efforts with enforcement and education. Have marketed informational videos to the public

2. Chipper Program

Current State: Acquired chipper with funding assistance from the County. Set up chipping yard next to transfer station. Held event January 2024 for free chipping.

Need to secure entrance access to the yard – acquire property from Freeport.



Solutions Presented

3. Collect Mattresses and Sofas

Current State: Mattresses and sofas are now charged by weight \$64/ton. Approximately \$7 for a mattress. Continue to use code enforcement and clean up when it's wildcat dumping.

4. Brush and Bulky Pickups

Current State: Currently doing this; \$15 pick up charge plus transfer station fees. Will be including associated costs in upcoming sanitation rate study for annual citywide program.



Council Recommended Solutions

- Send Notices – establish a fee for persons who need assistance
- Elderly/Widower program – Find a way to identify those that need help.
- Buying a mower and spraying for alleys
- Keep workers from picking up heavy items
- Pick up mattresses
- Expand DOC crews to help with alleys
- Use old garbage truck to pick up brush and bulky items
- Youth program to clean - to be paid by City (check liability)



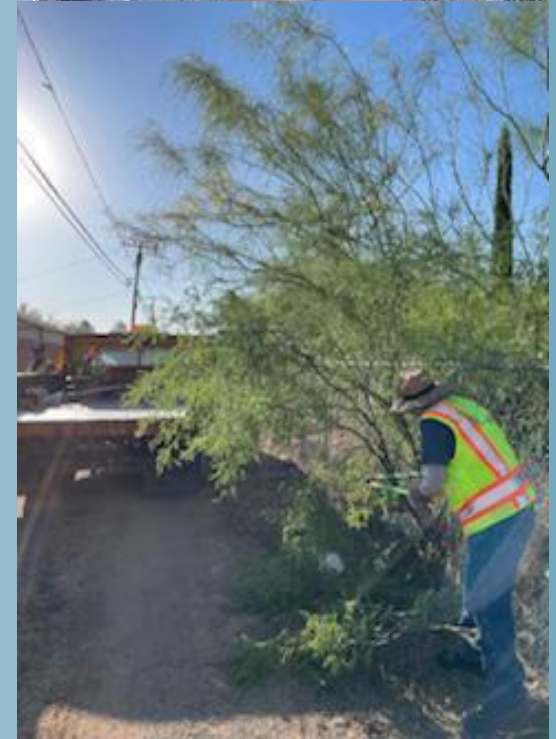
Council Recommended Solutions - Current State

- Send Notices
 - Doing on a regular basis, high success rate for compliance (320 violation notices sent January 1, 2023-December 31, 2024); 9 citations issued in 2024 (6 properties)
- Elderly/Widower program – Find a way to identify those that need help.
 - No program yet. Looking at potentially implementing pilot program.
 - Currently we work with homeowners that have wildcat dumping and City helps clean when it does not find the responsible party.
- Buying a mower and spraying for alleys
 - Hired blight crew cleaning right of ways, alleys using mower, weedeater and hand tools. Cleaned 83 alleys April-Dec 2024 (22% of city's alleys), 7 mattresses picked up
 - Blight crew currently share a mower with Airport
- Keep workers from picking up heavy items
 - Done - use heavy equipment for special heavy pickups
 - Blight crew picking up manually



Council Recommended Solutions - Current State

- Pick up mattresses
 - Doing as needed; blight crew pick up when determined to be wildcat dumping
- Expand DOC crews to help with alleys
 - Requested more inmates- currently in talks with DOC for add'l; inmate population varies; competition with other county wide government agencies
- Use old garbage truck to pick up brush and bulky items
 - Not doing a city-wide program; doing it on a per request basis \$15 pickup charge plus dump fees. 2023 - 8 pickups; 2024 - 5 pickups
- Youth program to clean – to be paid by City (check liability)
 - Have used volunteer youth groups, Cochise College, Community Cleanups, Skills USA. All volunteer - not currently using a payment program.



ANY QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!

