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REPORT

TO: Spring Lake Park City Council
FROM: Jeff Baker, Code Enforcement Director
RE: Code Enforcement Monthly Report for July 2024
DATE: July 31, 2024

Permits for July, had a total of 21 building, 0 certificate of occupancy, 0 fire suppression, 6 Zoning, 17 mechanical and 3 plumbing for a total of 47 permits issued compared to a total of 46 in 2023. Code Enforcement conducted 183 inspections in the month of July including 38 building, 26 housing, 30 fire and 89 nuisances.

A total of 22 Administrative Citations were issued

The City of Spring Lake Park is working with Rum River Consultants to transfer the responsibility of reviewing commercial plumbing plans from the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry to Rum River Consultants. This change will significantly reduce the wait time for SLP contractors and commercial property owners to get their plans reviewed, making the construction process smoother for everyone. Stay tuned for more updates on this transition.

RESIDENTS:

We have observed a significant increase in the number of solar photovoltaic permits being issued in our community. While we strongly support the shift towards renewable energy, it is crucial for you to conduct thorough research before entering into any contracts with solar installation companies.

It has come to our attention that some companies are engaging in door-to-door sales tactics. Please be aware that neither the Code Enforcement department nor the City administration has issued any peddlers licenses for door-to-door sales of solar systems. If a company approaches you at your door, we urge you to be cautious and verify their legitimacy.

Here are some steps you can take to protect yourself:

1. **Verify Licensing:** Ensure that the company holds the necessary licenses and permits to operate in Spring Lake Park.
2. **Check References and Reviews:** Look for reviews and request references from previous customers to assess the company's reliability.

3. **Consult with the City:** Contact the Code Enforcement office to verify any permits or licenses.
4. **Report Suspicious Activity:** If you encounter any door-to-door sales without a peddler's license, please report it to the city immediately.

We are committed to ensuring that all solar installations in our city are safe, compliant, and beneficial to our residents. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In July of 2024, I also attended the following appointments:

- City Hall Construction Meeting Every Tuesday Morning.
- City Council Meeting July 1st.
- Budget Review July 2nd.
- UKG Meeting July 15th.
- Plumbing Plan Review Meeting July 22nd.

This concludes the Code Enforcement Department monthly report for July 2024. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding my report, I would be happy to answer them at this time.