

*City*  
*of* Asheville  
North Carolina



# Graffiti Enforcement Update

October 2016 Public Safety Meeting



# Quick History

- Graffiti program started July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014
- Voluntary participation was from July 1 to September 30, 2014
- Enforcement started November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014
- Graffiti Initiative ended September 30, 2015
  - Funds were paid out until Oct 12, 2015

# Program Statistics

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- From July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014- October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 we paid out 301 invoices equaling a total of \$88,548 spent.
- As of October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 645 cases had been identified.
- Out of the 645 cases 614 had been cleaned. This is a 96% completion rate.
- As of October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 906 cases had been identified.
- Out of the 907 cases 885 have been cleaned. This is a 97% completion rate.

# Districts Breakdown



- CBD
  - 222 cases equaling 31%.
- North
  - 123 cases equaling 17%.
- West
  - 238 cases equaling 34%.
- East and South
  - 124 cases equaling 17%.

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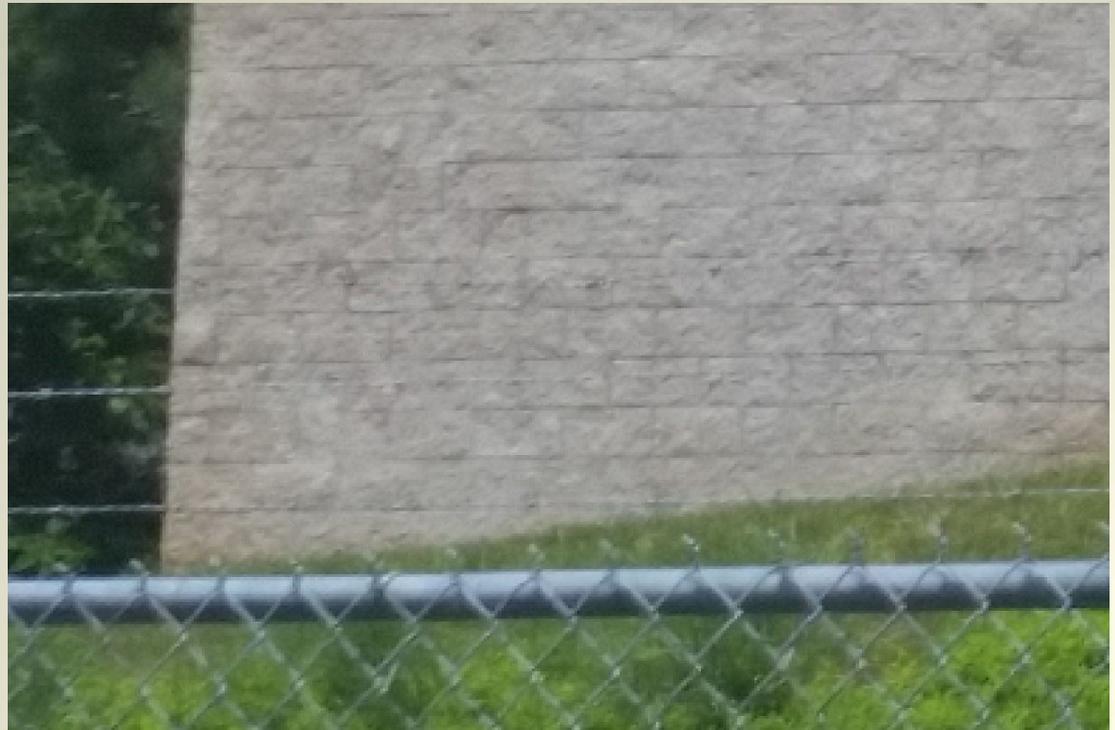


# Current Situation



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- 22– Total Open Request
  - 7 - Notice to Remove
  - 0 – Appeals
  - 0 - Notice of Violation
  - 3 - Consent to Enter
  - 5 – Legal\*
  - 7 – Other\*\*



# Current Situation

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- Legal category breakdown
  - 2 of the 6 properties are located within the RADTIP project area; however, the buildings are not part of the RADTIP project and property owners will maintain ownership and responsibility for graffiti removal
- Other category breakdown
  - 3 Properties are located within RADTIP and are scheduled for demolition, no further enforcement actions will be taken at this time
  - 2 Properties have filed permits through DSD for construction work to the building, further enforcement will start upon expiration of permit
  - 2 Properties on Eagle St. have upcoming demolition projects, no further enforcement actions will be taken at this time

# Intercity Cooperation Efforts

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- Upon the start of the graffiti initiative PW and APD have joined forces
- The Graffiti Task Force was set up December 2014
- There have been several coordinated sting operations that have lead to the arrest for some of the high profile offenders.
  - 40 graffiti charges have been made in the Central Business District since January, 2016.

# Graffiti Cleanup



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