

TO: Charlotte City Council & Code Enforcement Ad-hoc Committee

RE: Code Enforcement

All,

I have been listening to your discussions on code enforcement and I agree with many of the things brought up during your meetings. I completely agree that we need a dedicated person or persons to do this job. I'm not trying to talk bad about the Fire Department but I don't feel that keeping them in the mix is the right answer, even as a backup. There are a couple of reasons for this, 1. The fact that the ad-hoc committee even exists means council and the people of Charlotte are not satisfied with the way enforcement has been handled. 2. Our Police department would be a better option as a backup because that is our 'force' that is already out patrolling the streets, the Fire Department on the other hand is supposed to be in the station. Why not utilize our people that are already out and about and are trained by virtue of their job to know laws, ordinances and codes. They also have a much larger force of people. I feel that we definitely need to do something to improve the appearance of this community and I feel that dedicated staff that do not have other responsibilities is the right solution. I appreciate the hard work that Council and the Ad-hoc Committee is doing. Thank you for trying to make this community a better place.

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