#### City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods Inspection and Public Service "The Peoples Department"



#### **"ROLE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT"**

# Enforcement Powers

Texas Health & Safety 341.013

City of Houston Chapter 39-67 & 39-77 CMiles

Waste on He properties Tro

Heavy Trash Specific Violations for Waste THSC 341.013 (a) Premises occupied or used as a residence or for business or pleasure shall be kept in a sanitary condition.

(b) Kitchen waste, laundry waste, or sewage may not be allowed to accumulate in, discharge into, **or** flow into a public place, gutter, street, or highway.

(c) Waste products, offal, polluting material, spent chemicals, liquors, brines, garbage, rubbish, refuse, used tires, or other waste of any kind may not be stored, deposited, or disposed of in a manner that may cause the pollution of the surrounding land, contamination of groundwater or surface water, or the breeding of insects or rodents.

(e) A person may not permit vacant or abandoned property owned or controlled by the person to be in condition that will create a public health nuisance or other condition prejudicial to public health.

# Clean Premises

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# Nuisance on vacant lot/ private property

**IPS Role** 

Notify property owners when there are heavy trash and nuisance violation(s) on private property

- Removing improperly discarded items only after the notification period has expired
- Private contractor, abatement team, community service volunteers
- Issuance of citations when necessary & lien properties where there is non-compliance
- Public/Community Awareness-email blasts, blogs, brochures, HOA meetings, etc....
- Offering suggestions to property owners for deterred



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# Notification





### It's not my fault!

### Accountability

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# Heavy Trash

#### Heavy Trash & Trash Containers

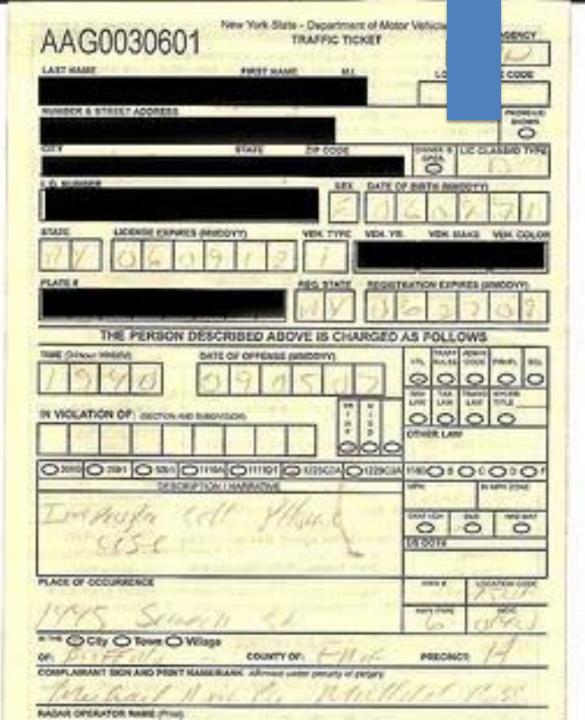
39-65 (c) Trash is placed before scheduled time/not properly bundled.

▶ 39-77 (d) Unlawful to place or to allow remaining any materials at the curb line for heavy trash prior to 6:00p.m. of the Friday before.



# Citation

PENALTY-REQUEST TO COME TO COURT/SUMMONS



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The role of property owners, citizens, businesses





# Deter the Violators

# "Report It"

- Contact Department of Neighborhoods via 311 line Please provide description, date, time and location where it was observed. A license plate number, type of vehicle and/or description of person observed.
- Contact email <u>www.houstontx.gov/ips</u>
- > www.houstontx.gov/neighborhoods

\*Take photos (only when safe and if it's possible) Jot down the information for referral.



## Community Service Volunteers & Outreach Projects

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# Community Awareness-Block Walk

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#### Department of Neighborhoods getting the job done!

#### Team work!

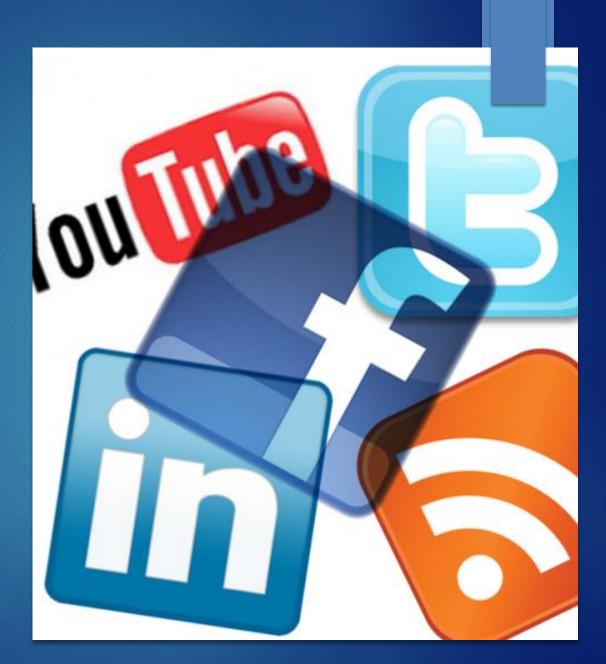


#### Together Everyone Achieves More



#### What are we doing to deter this act?

- > Word of Mouth
- > Workshops
- Community walk-thru (flyers)
- Community clean ups



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