



**PUBLIC NOTICE
THE ELOY CITY COUNCIL
Meets
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025
5:30 PM
ELOY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
595 NORTH C STREET
ELOY, ARIZONA 85131
For a
WORK SESSION**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Unscheduled Public Appearances**
- V. Discussion Items**
 - A. Code Enforcement Update
- VI. Adjournment**

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Celine A. Kidwell, CMC, FCRM
City Clerk

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CITY OF ELOY

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Agenda Item: V.A.

Date: 10/20/2025

Date submitted:
10/16/2025

Action: Other

Subject: Code Enforcement Update

Date requested:
10/20/2025

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Dan Symer, Community Development Director

RECOMMENDATION:

Conduct a worksession with staff and discuss objectives and strategies regarding the Code Enforcement program.

DISCUSSION:

Objective

Code enforcement is the process through which the City staff coordinates with residents, property owners, and businesses to ensure compliance and contribute to protecting public health and safety, maintaining property values, and preserving the overall quality of life and appearance of neighborhoods throughout the City. Through inspections, investigations, and working collaboratively with the community, city staff, and Eloy Fire District staff, code enforcement officers address issues such as unsafe structures, property maintenance concerns, zoning violations, abandoned vehicles, and environmental issues. By combining accountability with community partnership, code enforcement fosters education, neighborhood pride, and keeps spaces clean and safe, thereby supporting a thriving, attractive place to live and work. The code enforcement program operates under the following objectives:

- Promote Public Health and Safety
- Enhance Neighborhood Quality and Appearance
- Build Community Trust Through Engagement and Education

Priority of Violations

To ensure the health and safety of our community, it is essential to address property and environmental violations according to their urgency and potential impact. The following prioritization framework outlines how violations are categorized and handled, ranging from immediate threats to public health and safety to less critical issues. These strategies are essential for prioritizing our responses to implement the Code

Enforcement program efficiently and utilize community resources effectively to maintain a safe and well-maintained environment.

1. **Immediate Threats:** Violations that pose an imminent danger to public health, safety, or welfare.
2. **Environmental Impacts:** Violations involving the unauthorized use of abandoned/vacant buildings, illegal dumping, and stormwater sensitive areas.
3. **Unauthorized Construction:** Building or installing structures without required permits.
4. **Multiple Complaints, Nuisances, and Junk:** Properties with repeated or multiple violations and blight.
5. **Minor Property Maintenance and Zoning Issues:** Violations of weeds and grasses, zoning regulations, junk accumulation.
6. **Other Violations:** All remaining violations not covered above.

Enforcement Strategies

To be effective and achieve the objectives of the code enforcement program, strong strategies are essential. Focusing on community cooperation, visibility, responsiveness, and clear results helps encourage compliance. Through the use of efficient and collaborative methods, support for community programs, and the provision of educational materials and activities, improvements to Eloy's appearance have been realized and continue to grow. While more work and cooperation are necessary, the goal is to protect property values and create a safer, more welcoming community for everyone.

To execute the Code Enforcement program, the following is a summary of the strategies utilized:

Proactive Inspections

- Routine neighborhood sweeps to identify violations
- Prioritization of high-traffic areas, main throughfare entries to the city, and downtown

Targeted Enforcement

- Focused efforts on chronic problem properties through repeat inspections and legal action where necessary
- Coordination with Police, Fire, and Public Works for comprehensive responses

Compliant-based Inspection

- Respond to the community concerns

Community Programs

- Adopt and Street Clean-up
- Neighborhood Property Clean-up

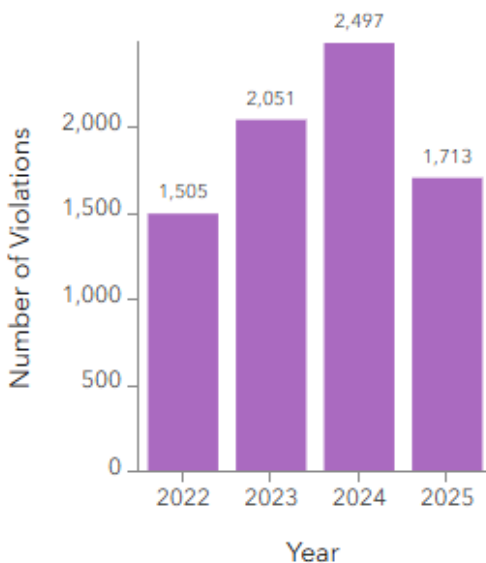
Community Education and Engagement

- National Night Out
- Educational material and handouts (Please refer to the attached Fliers)
- Outreach campaigns and educational workshops (future)

Progress of the Enforcement

Code Enforcement staff continue to make significant strides in bringing the city into compliance with safety and city code standards. Over the past year and a half, numerous violations have been identified, investigated, and addressed, ranging from immediate health and safety threats to zoning and property maintenance issues. By prioritizing cases based on urgency and impact, the City Attorney, Code Enforcement, and Court staff have been able to resolve recurring complaints and ensure compliance. These ongoing efforts not only enhance safety for our residents, but also promote a well-maintained, safe, and vibrant community.

Between January 1, 2024, and October 17, 2025, City Staff filed 2,803 violations, resolving 2,568 and leaving 227 outstanding. Staff continues to work with the Community to resolve compliance issues on a daily basis. Throughout this time period, 65 violations require the court assistance to resolve. Below is the total of violations since 2022.



FISCAL IMPACT:

No additional fiscal impacts are anticipated from this agenda item other than currently budgeted operational procedures.

Approved as to Form:A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen R. Cooper", is written over a solid black horizontal line.

Stephen R. Cooper, City Attorney

FAQs & Helpful Tips

Question: What happens if I receive a violation notice?

Answer: *You'll receive a written notice and time to correct the issue. Most cases are resolved voluntarily. If not, fines or enforcement actions may follow.*

Question: How can I report a violation?

Answer: *Call (520) 466-2578 or visit the Code Enforcement office at 595 N. C Street, Ste. 102. Reports can be anonymous.*

Question: What if I can't afford to fix the problem right away?

Answer: *Contact the Community Development Department. They may be able to refer you to local programs or offer guidance for compliance on a limited budget.*



**Need Help or
Want to Report a
Concern?**

*Your voice helps our
community thrive.*

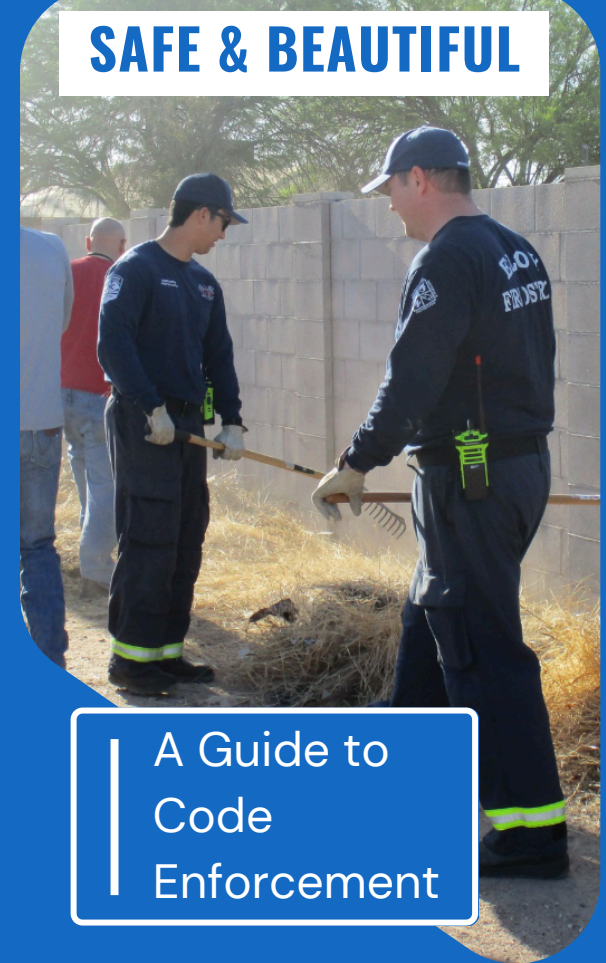
Contacts & Resources

Eloy Community Development Dept.
(Code Compliance, Planning, Zoning &
Building Permits)
595 North C Street, Suite 102
Eloy, AZ 85131
Tel: 520-466-2578

Eloy Public Works Department
(Bulk Trash Pick-Up, Dumpsters):
Tel: 520-466-3082

Pinal County Animal Care & Control
(Animal Related Complaints):
Tel: 520-509-3555

KEEPING ELOY SAFE & BEAUTIFUL



A Guide to
Code
Enforcement

CITY OF ELOY
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What is Code Enforcement?

Code enforcement helps maintain property standards that protect health, safety, and property values.

It ensures everyone follows the same basic rules—so our community remains a great place to live.

WHY IT MATTERS

- Prevents fire and safety hazards
- Deters pests and illegal dumping
- Protects property values
- Preserves community pride and legacy



Common Code Violations:

- ✗ Weeds & Overgrown Vegetation
- ✗ Abandoned/Inoperable Vehicles
- ✗ Trash, Junk, or Debris
- ✗ Graffiti
- ✗ Improper RV/Trailer Parking

Not sure? Call a City of Eloy Code Compliance officer for more information.

520-464-3172 or 520-464-3440

How to Stay in Compliance

- ✓ Mow and maintain your yard regularly.
- ✓ Store tools, scrap, and building materials out of public view.
- ✓ Keep sidewalks and alleyways clear.
- ✓ Don't start construction without checking permit rules.

We're here to help! Avoid fines or citations by calling before you build or store large items outside.

DID YOU KNOW?

Bulk Trash Services:

3rd Tuesday of each month.

Residents **must call** 1-7 days in advance to schedule bulk trash pick-up at 520-466-3082.

Landfill Hours:

Sun. & Mon. – Closed

Tues. – Sat. 7:30 am – 2:30 pm

- Any Eloy Resident may dump up to ½ ton (1,000 pounds) per day at the Landfill.
- Proof of Eloy residency will be required in the form of a current City of Eloy utility bill and a photo ID. The Landfill will not accept solid waste from Commercial Customers.

Adopt-a-Street:

There are still streets available to adopt. This is a great opportunity for families and groups to participate and keep our community clean.

Please contact Lydia Powell at lpowell@eloyaz.gov or call 520-464-3172 for details.

Native Alternatives to Plant Instead:



**DESERT
MARIGOLD**

PENSTEMON



**DESERT
WILLOW**

CREOSOTE



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Fax: 520-466-3161

Business Hours:
Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

City of Eloy



"Right in the Heart of Arizona's Future"

INVASIVE PLANTS

**WHAT YOU CAN
DO TO HELP**



A Guide to
Stopping the
Spread

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What are Invasive Plants?

Invasive plants are non-native species that spread quickly and harm local ecosystems. In Southern Arizona, they outcompete native plants, increase wildfire risk, and disrupt wildlife habitats.



WHY IT MATTERS

- Why It Matters:
- Threatens biodiversity
- Worsens fire danger (especially grasses like buffelgrass)
- Increases water use and maintenance
- Degrades iconic desert landscapes

Invasive Plants to Watch out for:



BUFFLE GRASS

SALT CEDAR



**RUSSIAN
THISTLE
(TUMBLEWEED)**

MUSK THISTLE



What you can do:

- Avoid planting known invasive species
- Remove invasives from your property
- Choose native or desert-adapted alternatives
- Report infestations
- Volunteer for local weed pulls





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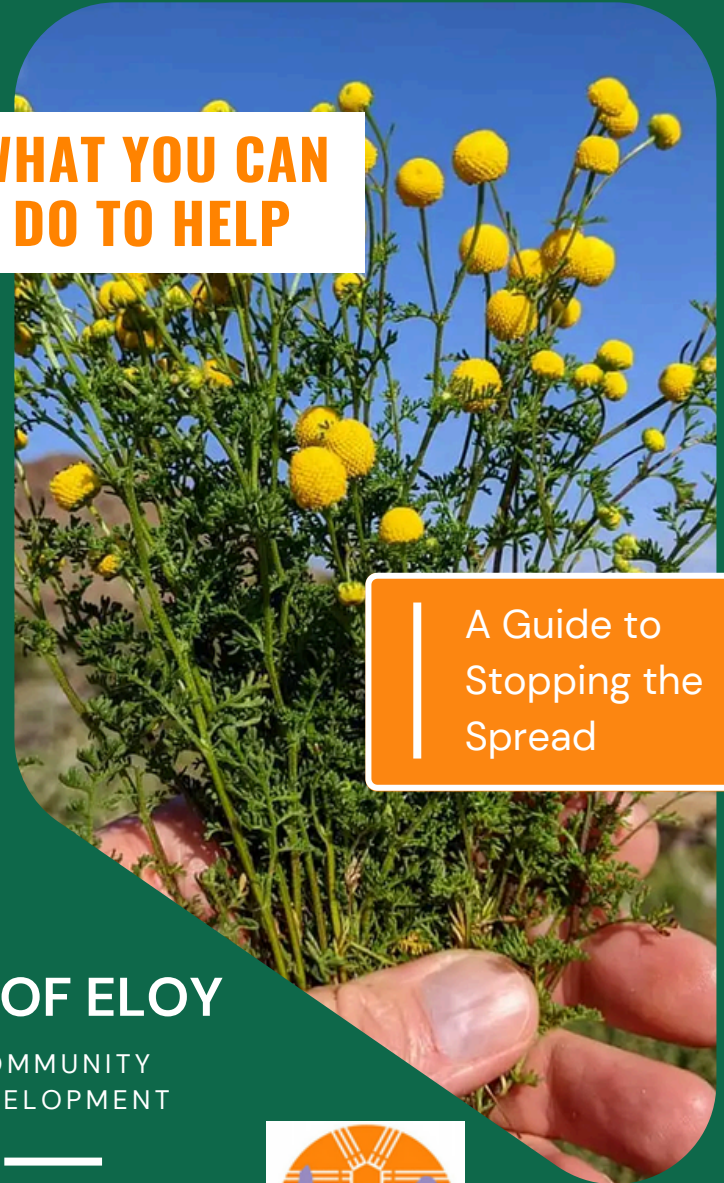
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Beautify Eloy: Protecting Our Spaces Together

Maintaining a clean and beautiful city is a shared responsibility that begins with caring for our own yards and extends to our public spaces.

By keeping properties free of debris, controlling weeds, and preventing the spread of invasive plants, residents help protect Eloy's environment and community health.

These efforts not only enhance neighborhood pride and safety, but also improve the overall quality of life for everyone who lives, works, or visits here.

Together, we can create a lasting legacy of stewardship—one that preserves the natural beauty of our desert community for future generations.



Community Development Department

Mission Statement

The Eloy Community Development Department provides design guidance, reviews zoning and subdivision applications, and shapes public policy related to growth and development. We are committed to proactive, community-based planning founded on public participation and to the building of livable, sustainable communities.

The Eloy Community Development Department assists citizens, property owners, and appointed and elected officials with land development functions to grow, manage, and sustain our city.

Our staff is committed to providing a high level of service to our clients, protecting our community assets, and guiding the creation of a prosperous city.

What you can do:

- Avoid planting known invasive species
- Learn to identify problem plants
- Remove invasives from your property
- Choose native or desert-adapted alternatives
- Share this information with your neighbors and friends
- Report infestations
- Volunteer for local weed pulls



Common Invasive Plants



BUFFELGRASS

Grows up to 4-feet tall and has a mass of long, tough roots that can grow to 8-feet deep. Purple, gray or yellowish flowers turn golden-brown when dry. Buffelgrass moves in and chokes out native seedlings

CAMELTHORN

Deep-rooted, woody shrub reaching 3–4 feet tall with small, gray-green, and oval-shaped leaves and small, reddish-purple, pea-like flowers that bloom in summer. Competes with native vegetation and crops for water and nutrients.



DIFFUSE KNAPWEED

An invasive weed that spreads rapidly in dry, disturbed areas. It outcompetes native plants, reduces forage for wildlife and livestock, and degrades soil health. Early removal and prevention are key to controlling its spread.

Helpful Resources

1. Pinal County Invasive Weeds Program

Offers guidance on identifying and removing invasive weeds, including manual and chemical control methods.

explore.pinal.gov/1556/Invasive-Weeds

2. Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM)

Provides information on invasive plant management and offers grants for control projects.

dffm.az.gov/forestry-community-forestry/forest-health/invasive-plants

3. University of Arizona – AZ Invasive Plants

Features a comprehensive database with images and fact sheets to help identify and control invasive plants.

azinvasiveplants.arizona.edu/

4. Arizona Native Plant Society (AZNPS)

Promotes the use of native plants and provides information on invasive species threatening Arizona's ecosystems.

aznps.com/conservation-original/invasive-plants/

How to Remove Invasive Plants

Basic DIY Tips

- Wear gloves and long sleeves.
- Uproot plants before they seed.
- Never dump plant debris in washes or natural areas.
- Dispose of properly—bag and trash.
- When in doubt, contact a professional landscaper or the City of Eloy 520-466-2578 .



FOUNTAIN GRASS

Grows up to 3-feet high and has long, slender green leaves and purple to white feathery spikes. Highly aggressive and crowds out native plants, spreading quickly. Native ornamental grasses should be used instead.



GIANT REED



Fast-growing invasive grass that thrives in riparian areas, crowding out native vegetation and altering water flow. It poses a fire risk and consumes large amounts of water.

HALOGETON

This toxic, salt-tolerant invasive plant quickly colonizes disturbed soils. It displaces native plants and poses a serious threat to livestock due to its high oxalate content.



MUSK THISTLE



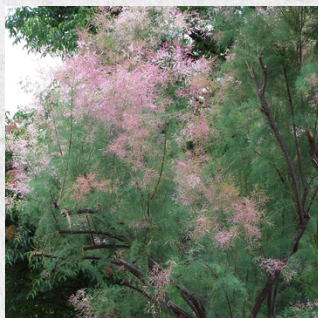
Milk thistle is an aggressive, spiny invasive plant that forms dense stands and crowds out native vegetation. It thrives in disturbed areas and can be toxic to livestock in large quantities. Prompt removal helps prevent its rapid spread.

ONIONWEED



Drought-tolerant invasive plant with onion-like leaves and small pinkish flowers. It spreads quickly and displaces native species, reducing rangeland productivity. Early detection and control are key to managing its spread.

SALT CEDAR



Grows up to 15-feet with pink-white flowers. Tamarisk spreads rapidly and forms dense thickets. Once established, it is difficult to eradicate. These trees use large amounts of ground water causing desert springs to dry up and crowding out native trees.

SCOTCH THISTLE



A tall, spiny plant with purple flowers and large, woolly leaves, it forms dense stands that crowd out native vegetation and hinder wildlife and livestock movement.

SWEET RESINBUSH



An invasive shrub known for its bright yellow flowers and rapid spread. It displaces native plants and degrades rangeland, making early detection and removal essential for control.

TEASEL



A spiny, invasive plant with tall stems and cone-shaped flower heads, often purple or white. It spreads quickly in disturbed soils, displacing native vegetation in pastures, and along roadsides.

TREE OF HEAVEN



A fast-growing invasive tree that produces chemicals which inhibit the growth of surrounding plants. It spreads aggressively through seeds and root suckers, damaging sidewalks, structures, and native ecosystems.

YELLOW STARThISTLE



A spiny, invasive plant that aggressively invades pastures, roadsides, and open lands. It forms dense stands that displace native vegetation and is toxic to horses.

SOUTH AFRICAN RAGWORT & NARROW-LEAVED RAGWORT



Fast-spreading invasive plant with bright yellow flowers that threatens grasslands and disturbed areas. It displaces native species and reduces forage quality for livestock. This species can also be toxic to animals if ingested.