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Excessive Storage (CD 13 Motion – 15-0496)

At the direction of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's (CD13 Motion 15-0496) the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Fire Prevention and Public Safety Bureau streamlined and coordinated the process of reporting and abating, prosecuting excessive storage issues which pose a fire hazard, health hazard or public nuisances to the Citizens of Los Angeles. The LAFD has taken the lead on excessive storage, in conjunction with the Los Angeles Housing Department and the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS). Collaboration between the Departments and the clarification of jurisdictional responsibilities has been established.

In May 2015, the LAFD filled a long vacant position to handle excessive storage issues in the Department. A full time Inspector II was promoted to the Compliance Unit as well a dedicated telephone line (818-778-4929) and a designated email address just for excessive storage excessivestorage@lacity.org was established. The email address and telephone number are the focal points for excessive storage referrals. The LAFD now receives emails and phone calls from various offices (i.e., Council Office, Fire Stations, Concerned Citizens, Los Angeles Housing Department and LADBS). The LAFD also forwards excessive storage issues to other agencies that have jurisdictional responsibilities. Mental Health Officials from the Los Angeles County Mental Health Genesis Program and the Elder Care Officials are notified, if necessary.

The Los Angeles City Attorney's Office has been extremely helpful in clarifying the procedures needed to successfully build a legal case to bring excessive storage cases to court. Several inspection warrants have been issued as occasionally the occupants are unwilling to open their properties for inspection.



SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING/CONDO

excessivestorage@lacity.org
(818) 778-4929

Exigent circumstances
Summarily abate
Utilize brush contractors
Lien property if necessary

Not Immediate
City Attorney Hearing

Criminal Prosecution

Probation

Prison

MULTI-UNIT APARTMENTS

(866)557-7368
or
HCIDLA.COM
<http://hcidla.lacity.org>

24 Hour Notice to Enter

Issue Notice 30-day Owner and
Tenant

Submit Non-Compliance
City Attorney Filed

Owner Begins Eviction
(Civil Case)

Compliance
Tenant Clean or Eviction

OPEN AND ABANDONED

LADBS.ORG
Online Services
Report Violation

Board up Fence

Contract out for Abatement

Red Tag
Immediate Vacate

Compliance
Close Case