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PROACTIVE CODE ENFORCEMENT

Background

Strong Neighborhoods & Housing Choices

Objective

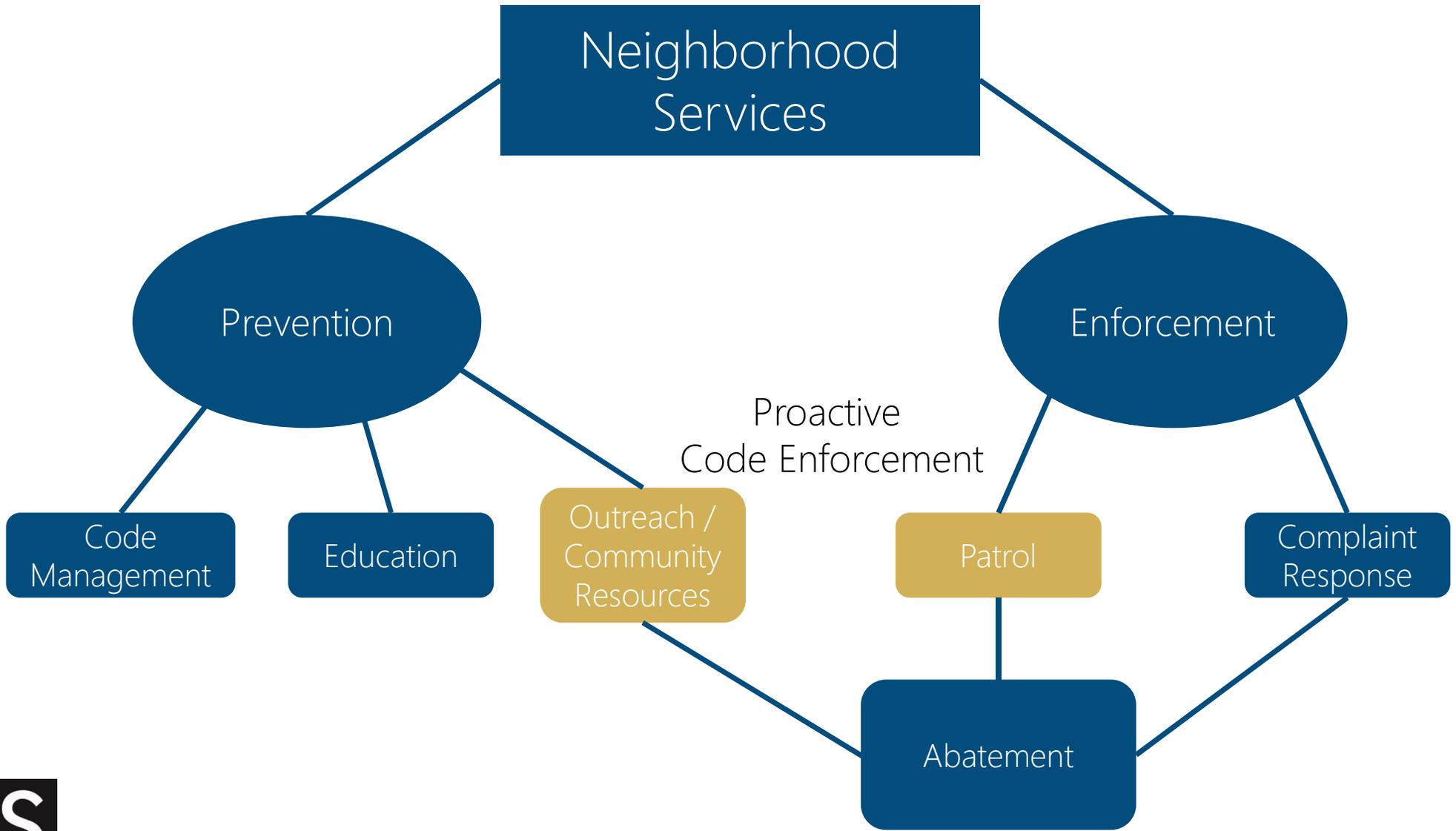
Develop an approach to selective, proactive code enforcement

Strategy for Implementation

Define priorities for codes to proactively enforce

Proposed changes to Neighborhood Services to complete objective







Proactive Code Enforcement (PACE) GOALS

01 Enhance safety and environment

02 Equalize/normalize enforcement geographically

03 Organize community resources to assist citizens

04 Capture unreported violations

CURRENT SITUATION



Responding to all complaints

- Most inspections are completed within two days

Performing limited proactive enforcement

- Area overview
- Inter-departmental functions

Achieving owner abatement on 90% of cases

Lower amount of violations compared to comparator cities

CODE VIOLATION OUTCOMES

Total Complaints
Monthly Average: 130 Complaints

No Violations Found
40% of Site Visits Find
No Violations

Violations Found
Monthly Average: 79
Violations found
60% of Site Visits Find
a Violation

Owner Abated

90% of Violations
are corrected by
property owner

8% of Violations are
abated through City
Contracts

2% Are sent to Court

City Abated

Municipal Court

PROPOSED CHANGES

Scheduled Patrols

- Ten smaller “sub-districts”
- Each sub-district assigned a random month each year
- In that month, the entire sub-district is inspected
- Two months set aside to close cases, train and re-evaluate the year

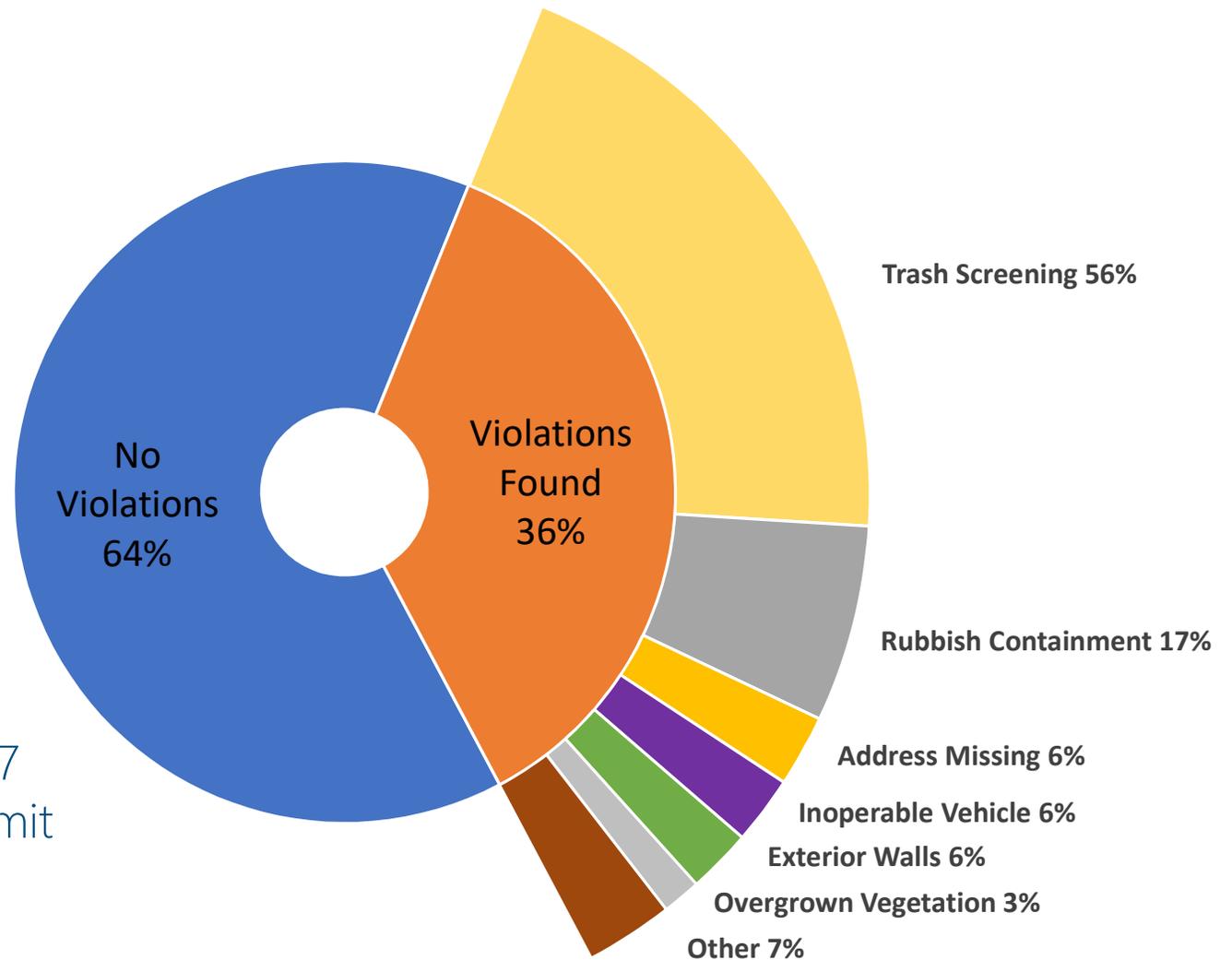
Business License Enforcement

- During sub-district inspections, identified businesses are checked for current registration
- Inquiries about owner occupied vs. renter

Increased Outreach & Education

- Relaunching Quality Housing Program’s functions for outreach and education
- Building relationships with community groups

VIOLATION DISTRIBUTION



October 2021 snapshot of 907 properties around Lee's Summit



Resource & Budget Impacts

01 Future need for new staff is expected with increased case load

- No new staff at initial launch
- ACE recommends one officer per 20,000 residents

02 Expected increase in active case load

- Re-evaluate metrics at the end of the first year

