



MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Sara Van Meeteren, Building Official
Date: June 20, 2023
Subject: 1118 Grand Avenue

At the City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, City Council asked staff to draft a memo regarding the email from Richard Olson dated May 26, 2023. In that email, Mr. Olson noted that a property located on Grand Avenue between 11th and 12th Streets (1118 Grand Avenue) had a yard and driveway full of junk for years.

The Community Codes Liaison began a code enforcement case on the property in September 2022. This was a result of the homeowner conducting a garage sale and allowing the sale items to remain in the front yard for an extended period of time. Staff worked with the owner and very slowly made progress on getting the sale items removed. Once these were removed, staff began to work with the owner on the items in the carport area.

Unfortunately, progress stalled over the winter months due to weather and the departure of our Community Codes Liaison. Staff visited with the owner a few times since and was hopeful that clean-up would pick up where it left off in the winter. **This did not happen, so staff served a violation notice to the owner on June 14, 2023.**

The violation notice requires the property to be in compliance by June 28, 2023. Failure to have the property in compliance on that date will result in the issuance of a Municipal Infraction citation in the amount of \$500. If issued, this citation would give staff the ability to seek court-ordered abatement of the non-compliant items.