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Dear Citizens:

As Mayor, I hear many suggestions to clean up the City. The City Council has increased funding and efforts for Code Compliance in recent years. The Community Support Department is responsible for enforcing compliance with City Ordinances including property maintenance, zoning, addressing, fencing and screening, and proper garbage containment and disposal. The department responds to citizen requests and complaints, completes inspections, and issues citations for code violations. There were **7,515** code violations identified in 2016, which is a 39% increase over 2015. The staff completed **15,261** inspections, up significantly from 2015 by 41%. There were **453** citations issued which is approximately a 17% decrease from 2015. This represents that statistics show most of the issues identified were resolved prior to citations being issued. The City collected **\$8,872** for the cost of abatements and filed **\$235,329** in liens against properties for noncompliance, which is almost twice the amount filed in 2015.

To further enhance this effort, I propose to make 2017 the year of Community Pride. There is 161 miles of streets in Corsicana and the City needs everyone's help to effectively clean up Corsicana. To assist citizens, the City has developed an App available through the App Store on smart phones. The App allows a citizen to take a photo of the issue and send it to the City. The report will be logged in the GovQA software. The software is hosted and monitored by various departments within the City. The request will be forwarded to the appropriate department for action. If an **e-mail address** is submitted with the report, the Citizen will receive a confirmation e-mail that the notice has been received and a follow up e-mail from the responsible department once the issue is resolved. Reports can also be made from the City of Corsicana website at www.cityofcorsicana.org.

One of the big expenses for the City is mowing vacant lots or abandoned properties. Owners of these lots are encouraged to keep the lots mowed. If the City is required to mow lots, the cost to the property owners can be very expensive, not to mention the cost of a citation.

It is a true statement that each day is an opportunity to make the City, your City, better and better. Progress has been made; however, there are many opportunities for improvements. Together we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

Chuck McClanahan
Mayor