

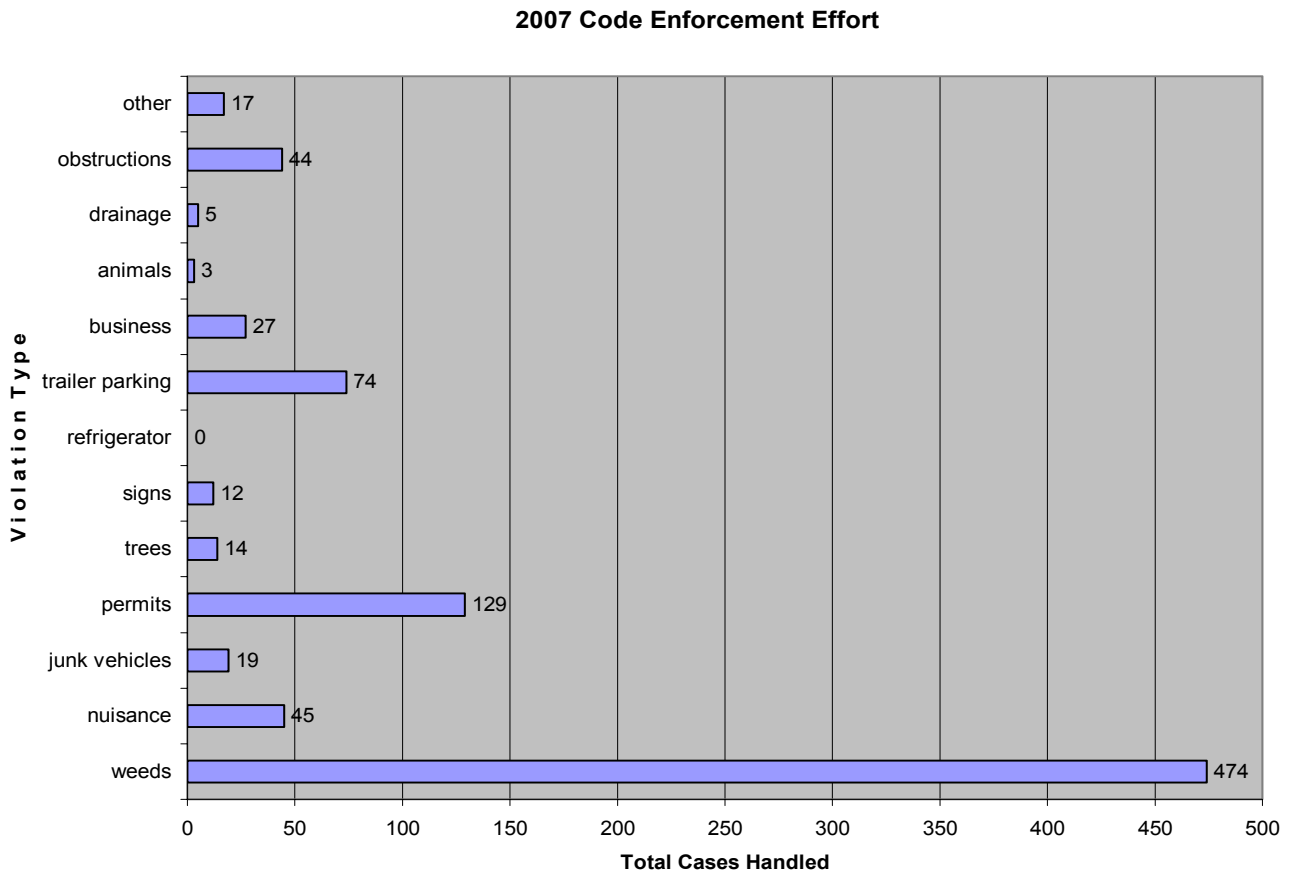
## CODE ENFORCEMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007

Mike Joseph, Code Enforcement Officer

The goal of the Code Enforcement Program is to maintain an excellent quality of life for Fruita residents through aggressive, yet equitable, enforcement of the Fruita Municipal and Land Use Codes. The more prominent areas of concern being the removal of unsightly and unhealthy nuisances from the city; such as weeds, junked or abandoned vehicles, junk machinery, implements, tires, trash, and rubbish. The Code Enforcement Program relies on pro-active observation and outside complaints (9.1% in 2007) to identify areas in violation. Code Enforcement also looks for unlawful construction within the city; such as fences, sheds, remodels, re-roofs, etc. not having the required planning clearance and notifies responsible parties of applicable requirements.

The number one goal of the Code Enforcement Officer is to reduce the number of violations through better community education; using Homeowner's meetings, publications (such as City Link), handouts, and/or talking to residents, builders and developers. When there is an apparent code violation, the main goal becomes attaining voluntary compliance with the code.

The chart below illustrates the breakdown of total 863 cases by type:



### *SOME OF 2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:*

- Logged in 869 cases and resolved 863 cases by end of 2007.
- Cited contractor for violating setback requirements; he paid fines and restitution to resolve the violation.
- Created a history document for GIS mapping system that allows user to see all previous activity on a selected parcel with indication of where to find file; created master indexes for all Community Development files.
- Drafted amendment (now adopted) to the city weed ordinance to include noxious weeds.
- Created a Code Enforcement web page with links to several code related pages to help answer the public's questions.
- Drafted several municipal code amendments that are intended to improve or enhance Code Enforcement's ability to respond to violations deemed to be a public nuisance and to otherwise help this officer be more responsive to citizen's health, safety and welfare.
- Continued to work with public nuisance violators (from 2006) to bring their property into compliance. Returned \$5900 special cleanup appropriation to General Fund.
- Continued to improve relations with area builders, developers, Home Owner Associations and individual residents to achieve better compliance with code requirements.
- Continued to provide Certificate of Occupancy inspections; just fewer than 230 residential inspections and 14 commercial.
- Provided a number of dumpsters to promote residential neighborhood cleanup and support the riverfront trail cleanup.
- Provided support in compiling/editing the City Link newsletter; developed a new 201 boundary list and a Fruita business list to include in mailings; changed to PZ Printing, resulting in printing cost savings for the city.
- Brought in over \$4649 in fees & fines and \$550 in restitution.

### *2008 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:*

- Continued prompt and efficient response to code violation complaints and/or observations and all staff initiated work orders.
- Equitably enforce public nuisance ordinance in effort to eliminate long standing junk violations within the city's limits.
- Encourage city administration to find improved means to maintain public rights of way (streets and alley ways) with regard to litter, weeds, snow and surface condition.
- Continue to be involved in reviewing proposed annexations and/or developments.
- Seek adoption of municipal code amendments drafted in 2007.
- Continue with stringent inspections prior to issuing Certificate of Occupancy.
- Provide help and expertise wherever and whenever required.