## **Beautification Ordinances**

As part of the County's "Community Beautification Campaign," the County plans to adopt two new Chapters to the County Ordinance, one (Chapter 12.09) addressing the problem of stolen shopping carts which have been abandoned in the County's unincorporated area and the second (Chapter 12.10) addressing the unregulated proliferation of newsracks in and about the public right of way.

These new Ordinance provisions will supplement existing State and County laws addressing related issues. The following are some examples of those existing laws along with the 2 new provisions:

- 1. Penal Code Section 374.2: prohibits dumping of hazardous or harmful substances damaging sewer sanitary facilities;
- 2. Penal Code Section 374.3: prohibits dumping of waste matter, dirt or rocks on public or private roads and rights of way;
- 3. Penal Code Section 374.4: prohibits littering on public and private property;
- 4. County Ordinance Section 6.44: anti-litter provisions prohibiting, for example, litter, dirt, grass, weeds and other rank growths injurious to health, safety and welfare;
- 5. County Ordinance Section 6.48: the anti-"junk vehicles" provisions prohibiting, for example, the accumulation and/or storage of wrecked, dismantled, abandoned or inoperative vehicles, trailers, boats or other mobile equipment;
- County Ordinance Section 6.64: generally prohibits various types of nuisances such as, for example, the storage of abandoned, discarded or dilapidated objects or other objects threatening the health or safety of any person or contributing to blight or property degradation or the accumulation of litter, rubbish and debris;
- 7. County Ordinance Chapter 12.09: regulates the placement and use of newsracks in the public right of way requiring necessary maintenance and other controls to promote the public health, safety and welfare;
- 8. County Ordinance Chapter 12.10: requires business owners to provide an effective plan to reduce and eliminate abandoned shopping carts in the County's unincorporated area.



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