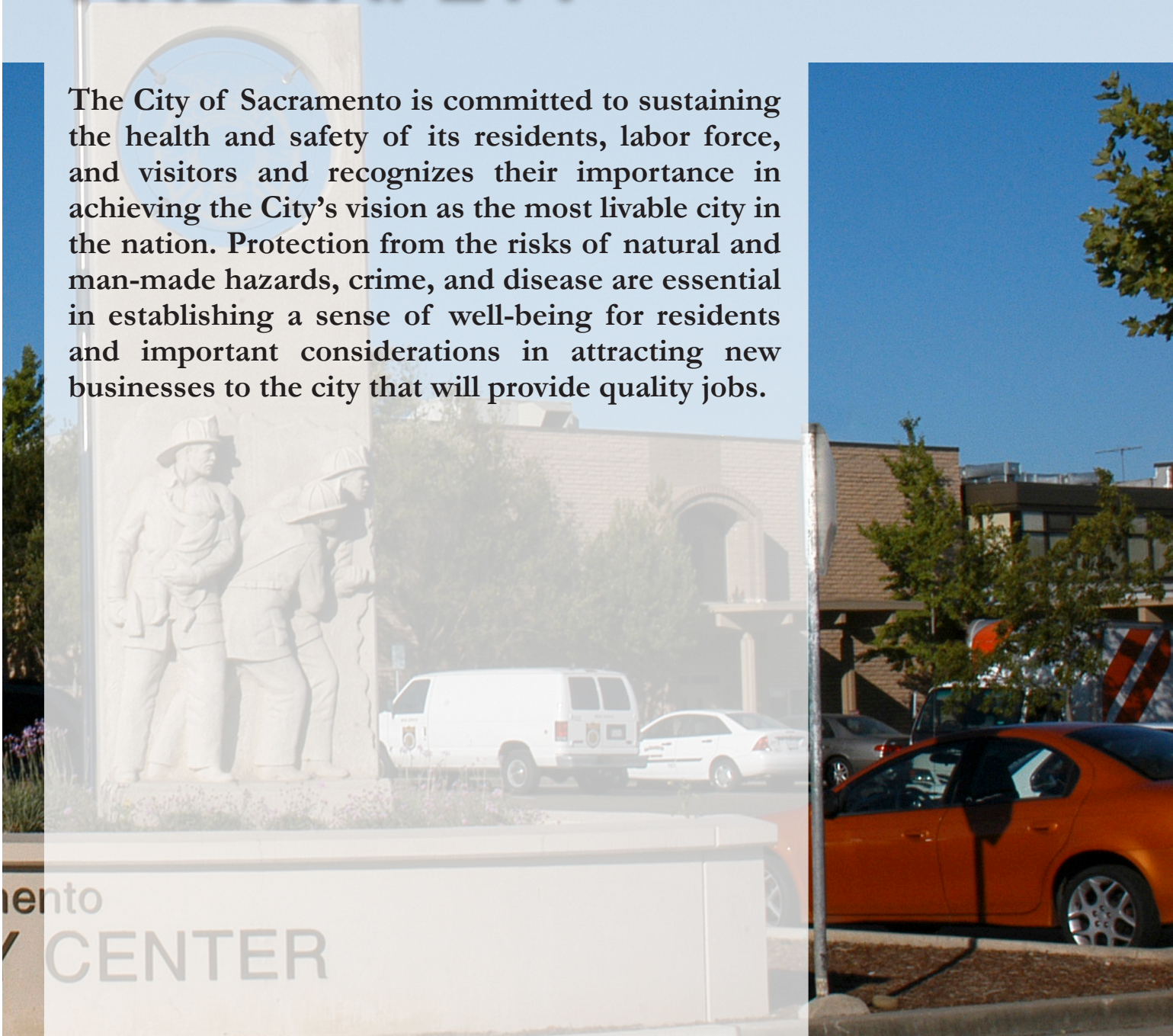


# PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

The City of Sacramento is committed to sustaining the health and safety of its residents, labor force, and visitors and recognizes their importance in achieving the City's vision as the most livable city in the nation. Protection from the risks of natural and man-made hazards, crime, and disease are essential in establishing a sense of well-being for residents and important considerations in attracting new businesses to the city that will provide quality jobs.





*Police officers utilize vehicle, bicycle, and equestrian modes of travel to keep Sacramento safe.*

# Police Services

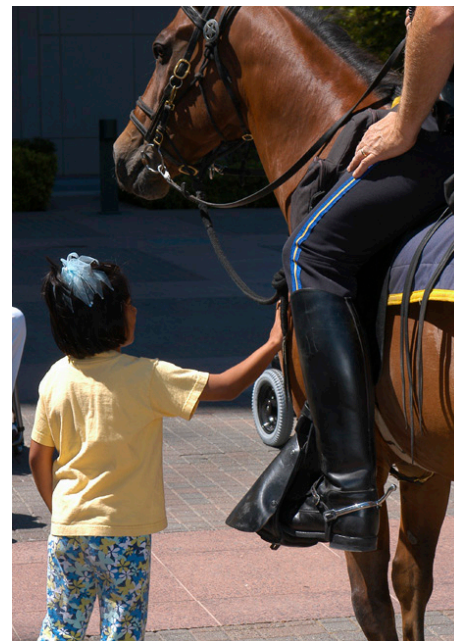
Policies in this section provide for education, forming relationships with the community, and the expansion of personnel and facilities commensurate with population growth to serve and protect the long-term health, safety, and well-being of all areas of the city. Cooperative programs with adjoining jurisdictions and State and Federal agencies will continue to be implemented to facilitate prompt response for a major emergency or event. Cooperative relationships will be formed with community residents and businesses to educate them about potential risks and prevention techniques. Development applications will be reviewed for the layout and design of spaces and buildings to maximize safety, utilizing “Crime Prevention through Environmental Design” strategies.

## GOAL PHS 1.1

**Crime and Law Enforcement.** Work cooperatively with the community, regional law enforcement agencies, local government and other entities to provide quality police service that protects the long-term health, safety, and well-being of our city, reduce current and future criminal activity, and incorporate design strategies into new development.

## Policies

- PHS 1.1.1**      **Police Master Plan.** The City shall maintain and implement a Police Master Plan to address staffing and facility needs, service goals, and deployment strategies. *(MPSP)*
- PHS 1.1.2**      **Response Time Standards.** The City shall strive to achieve and maintain optimal response times for all call priority levels to provide adequate police services for the safety of all city residents and visitors. *(MPSP)*
- PHS 1.1.3**      **Staffing Standards.** The City shall maintain optimum staffing levels for both sworn police officers and civilian support staff in order to provide quality police services to the community. *(MPSP)*
- PHS 1.1.4**      **Timing of Services.** The City shall ensure that development of police facilities and delivery of services keeps pace with development and growth in the city. *(MPSP/SO)*





South Area Police Substation.

**PHS 1.1.5** **Distribution of Facilities.** The City shall expand the distribution of police substation type facilities to allow deployment from several smaller facilities located strategically throughout the city and provide facilities in underserved and new growth areas in order to provide optimum response to all city residents. (MPSP)

**PHS 1.1.6** **Co-Location of Facilities.** The City shall seek to co-locate police facilities with other City facilities, such as fire stations, to promote efficient use of space and provision of police protection services within dense, urban portions of the city. (MPSP)

**PHS 1.1.7** **Development Review.** The City shall continue to include the Police Department in the review of development proposals to ensure that projects adequately address crime and safety, and promote the implementation of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design principles. (RDR)

**PHS 1.1.8** **Development Fees for Facilities and Services.** The City shall require development projects to contribute fees for police facilities. (RDR/FB)

**PHS 1.1.9** **Technology to Improve Safety.** The City shall work in partnership with appropriate agencies to incorporate technology in public and private development to increase public and personal safety. (RDR/MPSP)

*See the Land Use and Urban Design Element for policies related to development design.*



North Area Police Substation.

**PHS 1.1.10** **Crime in Neighborhoods.** The City shall work with appropriate agencies and the community to reduce crime in all neighborhoods. *(IGC/JP/PI)*

**PHS 1.1.11** **Communication with the Community.** The City shall maintain communication with the community to improve relationships and customer satisfaction, while continually exploring innovative means of communication. *(PI)*



*Police officer on horseback communicating with a visitor to Old Sacramento.*

**PHS 1.1.12** **Cooperative Delivery of Services.** The City shall work with local, State, and Federal criminal justice agencies to promote regional cooperation in the delivery of services. *(IGC)*



# Fire Services

Policies in this section provide for coordinated fire protection and emergency medical services to all areas of the city and address the needs of Sacramento residents and businesses. Policies ensure a safe and healthy community through the expansion of fire personnel and facilities commensurate with population growth. Residents and businesses will be educated regarding potential risks and fire prevention techniques, while existing and new development will continue to be required to incorporate fire prevention and suppression measures.

## GOAL PHS 2.1

**Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services.** Provide coordinated fire protection and emergency medical services that address the needs of Sacramento residents and businesses and maintain a safe and healthy community.

### Policies

- PHS 2.1.1**      **Fire Department Strategic Plan.** The City shall maintain and implement a Fire Department Strategic Plan. *(MPSP)*
- PHS 2.1.2**      **Response Time Standards.** The City shall strive to maintain emergency response times that provide optimal fire protection and emergency medical services to the community. *(MPSP)*
- PHS 2.1.3**      **Staffing Standards.** The City shall maintain optimum staffing levels for sworn, civilian, and support staff, in order to provide quality fire protection and emergency medical services to the community. *(MPSP)*
- PHS 2.1.4**      **Response Units and Facilities.** The City shall provide additional response units, staffing, and related capital improvements, including constructing new fire stations, as necessary, in areas where a fire company experiences call volumes exceeding 3,500 in a year to prevent compromising emergency response and ensure optimum service to the community. *(MPSP/SO/FB)*
- PHS 2.1.5**      **Timing of Services.** The City shall ensure that the development of fire facilities and delivery of services keeps pace with development and growth of the city. *(MPSP/SO)*





*Fire Station No. 5, located on Broadway in the O'Neil Park neighborhood.*

- PHS 2.1.6**      **Locations of New Stations.** The City shall ensure that new fire station facilities are located strategically throughout the city to provide optimum response times to all areas. *(MPSP)*
- PHS 2.1.7**      **Future Station Locations.** The City shall require developers to set aside land with adequate space for future fire station locations in areas of new development. *(RDR)*
- PHS 2.1.8**      **Co-Location of Facilities.** The City shall seek to co-locate fire facilities with other City facilities, such as police stations, to promote efficient use of space and provision of fire protection and emergency medical services within dense, urban portions of the city. *(MPSP)*
- PHS 2.1.9**      **Advances in Technology.** The City shall invest in, and incorporate, future technological advances that enhance the City's ability to deliver emergency medical response, fire-rescue, and fire prevention services more efficiently and cost-effectively. *(SO)*



**PHS 2.1.10 Regional Cooperative Delivery.** The City shall work with the various fire protection districts and other agencies to promote regional cooperative delivery of fire protection and emergency medical services. *(IGC)*

**PHS 2.1.11 Development Fees for Facilities and Services.** The City shall require development projects to contribute fees for fire protection services and facilities. *(RDR/FB)*



*Former Sacramento Fire Chief.*

## GOAL PHS 2.2

**Fire Prevention Programs and Suppression.** The City shall deliver fire prevention programs that protect the public through education, adequate inspection of existing development, and incorporation of fire safety features in new development.

### Policies

**PHS 2.2.1 Education.** The City shall provide fire safety, prevention, and emergency preparedness educational programs to the public. *(PI)*

**PHS 2.2.2 Development Review.** The City shall continue to include the Fire Department in the review of development proposals to ensure projects adequately address safe design and on-site fire protection and comply with applicable fire and building codes. *(RDR)*

*See U 2, Water Systems, for additional policies on water supply and water delivery infrastructure and services.*



**PHS 2.2.3**

**Fire Sprinkler Systems.** The City shall promote installation of fire sprinkler systems in new commercial and residential development, and shall encourage the installation of sprinklers in existing structures when it is reasonable and not cost prohibitive. *(RDR)*

**PHS 2.2.4**

**Water Supply for Fire Suppression.** The City shall ensure that adequate water supplies are available for fire-suppression throughout the city, and shall require development to construct all necessary fire suppression infrastructure and equipment. *(RDR/MPSP/SO)*

**PHS 2.2.5**

**High-Rise Development.** The City shall require that high rise structures include sprinkler systems and on-site fire suppression equipment and materials, and be served by fire stations containing truck companies with specialized equipment for high-rise fire and/or emergency incidents. *(RDR)*

**PHS 2.2.6**

**Fire Safety Inspections.** The City shall continue to maintain a program consistent with requirements of State law to inspect buildings not under authority of the Office of the State Fire Marshall. *(MPSP)*

**PHS 2.2.7**

**Wildland Hazards on City-Owned Spaces.** The City shall continue to remove excessive/overgrown vegetation (e.g., trees, shrubs, weeds) and rubbish from City-owned property to prevent and minimize fire risks to surrounding properties. *(SO)*

**PHS 2.2.8**

**Wildland Hazards on Private Properties.** The City shall continue to require private property owners to remove excessive/overgrown vegetation (e.g., trees, shrubs, weeds) and rubbish to the satisfaction of the Fire Department to prevent and minimize fire risks to surrounding properties. *(RDR)*

**PHS 2.2.9**

**Development Review for Emergency Response.** The City shall continue to include appropriate emergency responders (e.g, Fire Department staff) in the review of development proposals to ensure emergency response times can be adequalty maintainted. *(RDR)*



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# Hazardous Materials

Policies in this section continue practices for the documentation, monitoring, clean up, and re-use of hazardous materials and sites. In addition to their contribution to the safety and well-being of residents, businesses, and visitors to Sacramento, these actions are important contributors to the reduction of surface and groundwater pollution, air pollution, and greenhouse gases.



*Sacramento Recycling and Transfer Station disposal site for household hazardous waste.*

## GOAL PHS 3.1

**Reduce Exposure to Hazardous Materials and Waste.** Protect and maintain the safety of residents, businesses, and visitors by reducing, and where possible, eliminating exposure to hazardous materials and waste.

### Policies

**PHS 3.1.1 Investigate Sites for Contamination.** The City shall ensure buildings and sites are investigated for the presence of hazardous materials and/or waste contamination before development for which City discretionary approval is required. The City shall ensure appropriate measures are taken to protect the health and safety of all possible users and adjacent properties. (RDR)

**PHS 3.1.2 Hazardous Material Contamination Management Plan.** The City shall require that property owners of known contaminated sites work with Sacramento



*See LU 7, Employment, for additional policies on clean industries that feature light manufacturing, research and development, and high technology uses.*

County, the State, and/or Federal agencies to develop and implement a plan to investigate and manage sites that contain or have the potential to contain hazardous materials contamination that may present an adverse human health or environmental risk. (RDR)

**PHS 3.1.3**

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Programs.**

The City shall continue to provide household hazardous waste collection programs to encourage proper disposal of products containing hazardous materials or hazardous wastes. (MPSP/SO)

**PHS 3.1.4**

**Transportation Routes.** The City shall restrict transport of hazardous materials within Sacramento to designated routes. (RDR/MPSP)

**PHS 3.1.5**

**Clean Industries.** The City shall strive to maintain existing clean industries in the city and discourage the expansion of businesses, with the exception of health care and related medical facilities that require on-site treatment of hazardous industrial waste. (RDR)

**PHS 3.1.6**

**Compatibility with Hazardous Materials Facilities.**

The City shall ensure that future development of treatment, storage, or disposal facilities is consistent with the County's Hazardous Waste Management Plan, and that land uses near these facilities, or proposed sites for the storage or use of hazardous materials, are compatible with their operation. (RDR/IGC)

**PHS 3.1.7**

**Education.** The City shall continue to educate residents and businesses on how to reduce or eliminate the use of hazardous materials and products, and shall encourage the use of safer, nontoxic, environmentally friendly equivalents. (PI)

**PHS 3.1.8**

**Risks from Hazardous Materials Facilities.**

The City shall review proposed facilities that would produce or store hazardous materials, gas, natural gas, or other fuels to identify, and require feasible mitigation for, any significant risks. The review shall consider, at a minimum, the following: presence of seismic or geologic hazards; presence of hazardous materials; proximity to residential development and areas in which substantial concentrations of people would occur; and nature and level of risk and hazard associated with the proposed project. (RDR)



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# Emergency Response and Disaster Preparedness

Policies in this section focus on providing a high level of safety and protection for residents and businesses from natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes, urban and wildland fires, and terrorist acts. The policies continue cooperative agreements with adjoining jurisdictions and State and Federal agencies that prescribe procedures for preparedness, response, and disaster recovery.



## GOAL PHS 4.1

**Response to Natural and Human-Made Disasters.** Promote public safety through planning, preparedness, and emergency response to natural and human-made disasters.

### Policies

#### PHS 4.1.1

**Multi-Hazard Emergency Plan** 🌐. The City shall maintain and implement the Sacramento County Multi-Hazard Emergency Plan to address disasters such as earthquakes, flooding, dam or levee failure, hazardous material spills, epidemics, fires, extreme weather, major transportation accidents, and terrorism. (MPSP)



*The Sacramento Fire Department responding to a fire emergency along a 300-foot stretch of an elevated Union Pacific railroad trestle.*

- PHS 4.1.2** **Post-Disaster Response.** The City shall plan for the continued functioning of critical facilities following a major seismic or geologic disaster to help prevent major problems during post-disaster response such as evacuations, rescues, large numbers of injuries, and major clean up operations. *(MPSP/IGC/JP/PI)*
- PHS 4.1.3** **Emergency Operations Center.** The City, in conjunction with other local, State, and Federal agencies, shall ensure operational readiness of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), conduct annual training for staff, and maintain, test, and update equipment to meet current standards. *(SO/IGC)*
- PHS 4.1.4** **Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Exercises.** The City shall coordinate with local and regional jurisdictions to conduct emergency and disaster preparedness exercises to test operational and emergency plans. *(IGC)*
- PHS 4.1.5** **Mutual Aid Agreements.** The City shall continue to participate in mutual aid agreements to ensure adequate resources, facilities, and other support for emergency response. *(MPSP/IGC)*
- PHS 4.1.6** **Education Programs.** The City shall sponsor and support educational programs regarding emergency response, disaster preparedness protocols and procedures, and disaster risk reduction. *(PI)*
- PHS 4.1.7** **Vulnerable Populations** 🌐. The City shall support community organizations that address social equity issues related to climate change effects/impacts to assess resilience of low- income communities and guide relevant future policy/program development. *(PSR/IGC)*



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# Public Health and Human Services

Policies in this section support the County of Sacramento as the principal provider of health and human service facilities and services. Programs to address the special needs of the disabled, homeless, and senior populations will be supported. A healthy and active lifestyle for Sacramento residents will be encouraged to improve overall public health.



*Sutter General Hospital is located in midtown Sacramento and provides medical services.*

## GOAL PHS 5.1

**Human Services and Healthy Communities.** Improve the provision of human services and promote public health and safety.

### Policies

**PHS 5.1.1** **Facilities Location.** The City shall work with the County on identifying adequate sites for health and human services facilities within the city to ensure that such facilities are easily accessible, distributed equitably throughout the city in a manner that makes the best use of existing facilities, and are compatible with adjoining uses. *(RDR/IGC)*

**PHS 5.1.2** **Co-Location.** The City shall encourage the integration of multi-use human service functions within existing and future facilities, where feasible. *(RDR/IGC)*



*Opened in 1983, Sacramento Loaves & Fishes feeds the hungry and shelters the homeless, providing a welcoming, safe, and clean facility for homeless men, women and children with human service needs.*

*See M 2, Walkable Communities, and M 5, Bikenways, for policies addressing walkable neighborhoods and bike facilities.*

**PHS 5.1.3**

**Disabled Population.** The City shall consider access to transit, housing, and social services when siting facilities to serve the city’s disabled population. *(RDR/IGC)*

**PHS 5.1.4**

**Homeless Population.** The City shall work with public and private social service agencies to site facilities to address the human service needs of the city’s homeless populations. *(IGC/JP)*

**PHS 5.1.5**

**Needs of Seniors.** The City shall work with the County Health and Human Services Department to site facilities that meet basic needs of the city’s senior resident population such as nutrition and healthcare and the provision of supportive services such as volunteer opportunities, youth mentorship, outreach, legal advice, advocacy, and case management. *(RDR/IGC)*

**PHS 5.1.6**

**Educational Programs.** The City shall work with the County to promote health education and awareness (e.g., obesity, asthma, nutrition, exercise), publicize the County’s human service programs, educate the public about the unique needs and capabilities of members of special needs populations within the city (e.g., the disabled, elderly, non-English-speaking, and low-income), and improve the efficacy of drug and alcohol abuse programs within the city. *(IGC/PI)*

**PHS 5.1.7**

**Climate Change Impacts** 🌐. The City shall continue to analyze information on potential impacts of climate change on government operations and the local economy, and actively share results to foster public awareness and support for adaptation policy. *(PSR)*

**PHS 5.1.8**

**Climate Change Education** 🌐. The City shall incorporate climate change effects and impacts into public emergency preparedness education programs, with special consideration given to effective methods to communicate the issue to a general audience. *(PI)*

**PHS 5.1.9**

**Healthy Communities** 🌐. The City shall encourage the planning of new communities and revitalization of existing urban areas to achieve improvements in overall public health by encouraging a healthier living environment that includes walkable neighborhoods, access to recreation and open space, healthy foods, medical services, and public transit. *(RDR)*

- PHS 5.1.10** **Pest/Vector Management** 🌐. The City shall coordinate with appropriate agencies (e.g., Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Management District) to support pest/vector management strategies (e.g., mosquito control), require drainage of untreated pools and other water features in homes and businesses that are vacant or in sale proceedings, and enhance public awareness of vector control.. *(IGC/PI)*
- PHS 5.1.11** **Integrated Pest Management** 🌐. The City shall continue development and implementation of the City's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program at City facilities. *(MPSP)*
- PHS 5.1.12** **Active Living** 🌐. The City shall promote active living (i.e., a lifestyle that incorporates physical activity into the routines of daily life) by establishing pedestrian and bicycle connections between neighborhoods, centers, corridors, and transportation facilities. *(RDR)*
- PHS 5.1.13** **Heat Waves** 🌐. The City shall work with labor organizations, the business community, and County and State health and safety agencies to publicize programs and standards for preventing heat-related illness in employees who work outdoors, and continue to operate cooling centers, and publicize precautions for preventing heat-related illness during heat waves. *(IGC/PI)*
- PHS 5.1.14** **Cooling Centers** 🌐. The City shall support efforts of the Sacramento Office of Emergency Services to continue to operate "cooling centers" during heat events to ensure adequate space is available for residents at all times of the week (including nights), with backup generators. *(MPSP/IGC)*
- PHS 5.1.15** **Air Quality Alerts** 🌐. The City shall continue to partner with SMAQMD to enhance awareness of air quality index alerts and related outreach and education to protect the health of residents. *(IGC/PI)*





# Code Enforcement

Policies in this section focus on enforcing code requirements and providing adequate code department facilities, services, and staffing. Properties with public nuisance violations and blighted or deteriorated conditions will not be permitted, and substandard or dangerous buildings must be either repaired or demolished. Maintaining communication with residents and businesses supports public outreach, provides education, and facilitates voluntary compliance with City ordinances. Core code enforcement services include preservation of existing housing stock, health and safety code response, safe and fair business operations, vehicle abatement, and ensuring well-maintained properties.

## GOAL PHS 6.1

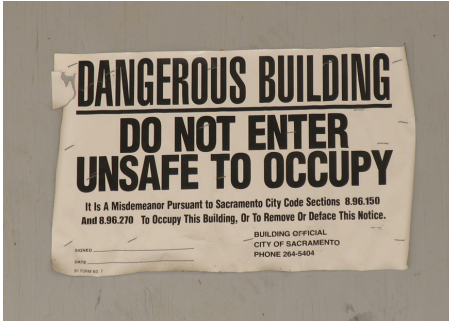
**Compliance with Health and Safety Codes.** Improve the health, safety, and visual quality of the community by ensuring compliance with State and City health and safety codes.

### Policies

- PHS 6.1.1 Facilities, Services, and Staffing.** The City shall provide facilities and staffing to maintain an aggressive and visible code enforcement program. *(SO)*
- PHS 6.1.2 Code Requirements.** The City shall enforce code requirements to ensure that existing housing meets health and safety standards. *(RDR)*
- PHS 6.1.3 Public Nuisance.** The City shall require properties with identified public nuisance violations to eliminate or remove the conditions. *(RDR)*
- PHS 6.1.4 Abandoned Vehicles.** The City shall require removal of abandoned vehicles. *(RDR)*
- PHS 6.1.5 Graffiti.** The City shall require removal of graffiti that is in public view. *(RDR)*



*Trash illegally dumped along a Sacramento roadway.*



*Dangerous building cited with code violations.*

- PHS 6.1.6** **Deterioration, Blight, and Deferred Maintenance.** The City shall require that housing units are maintained to ensure a safe and healthy living environment, preventing blight and deterioration resulting from deferred maintenance. *(RDR)*
- PHS 6.1.7** **Substandard and Dangerous Buildings.** The City shall require all buildings that are identified as substandard or dangerous be either repaired or demolished. *(RDR)*
- PHS 6.1.8** **Residential Rental Inspection.** The City shall require systematic inspection of all residential rental property. *(RDR)*
- PHS 6.1.9** **Building Inspection.** The City shall enforce code requirements by inspecting buildings requiring a fire code operational use permit and mandated for inspection by the California Health and Safety Code. *(MPSP)*
- PHS 6.1.10** **Communication and Education.** The City shall work with residents, businesses, and community organizations in conducting public outreach and educational programs to promote voluntary compliance with city ordinances. *(IGC/JP/PI)*
- PHS 6.1.11** **Safe and Fair Practices.** The City shall maintain safe and fair business operations and ensure the health and safety of the general public through enforcement of State and local health and safety statues and codes. *(SO)*



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