

City of Vallejo Illegal Dumping Enforcement

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Introduction

**#IDEAL
#VALLEJO**

The logo consists of two rows of text. The top row contains a large blue hash symbol followed by the word "IDEAL" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The letter "I" is replaced by a stylized blue icon of a person with their arm raised, dropping litter into a trash can. The bottom row contains a large blue hash symbol followed by the word "VALLEJO" in the same bold, blue, sans-serif font.

ILLEGAL DUMPING ENFORCEMENT AGAINST LITTER

Interdepartmental Effort

Public Works Department

Vallejo Police Department

– Code Enforcement

City Attorney's Office

Magnitude of the Problem

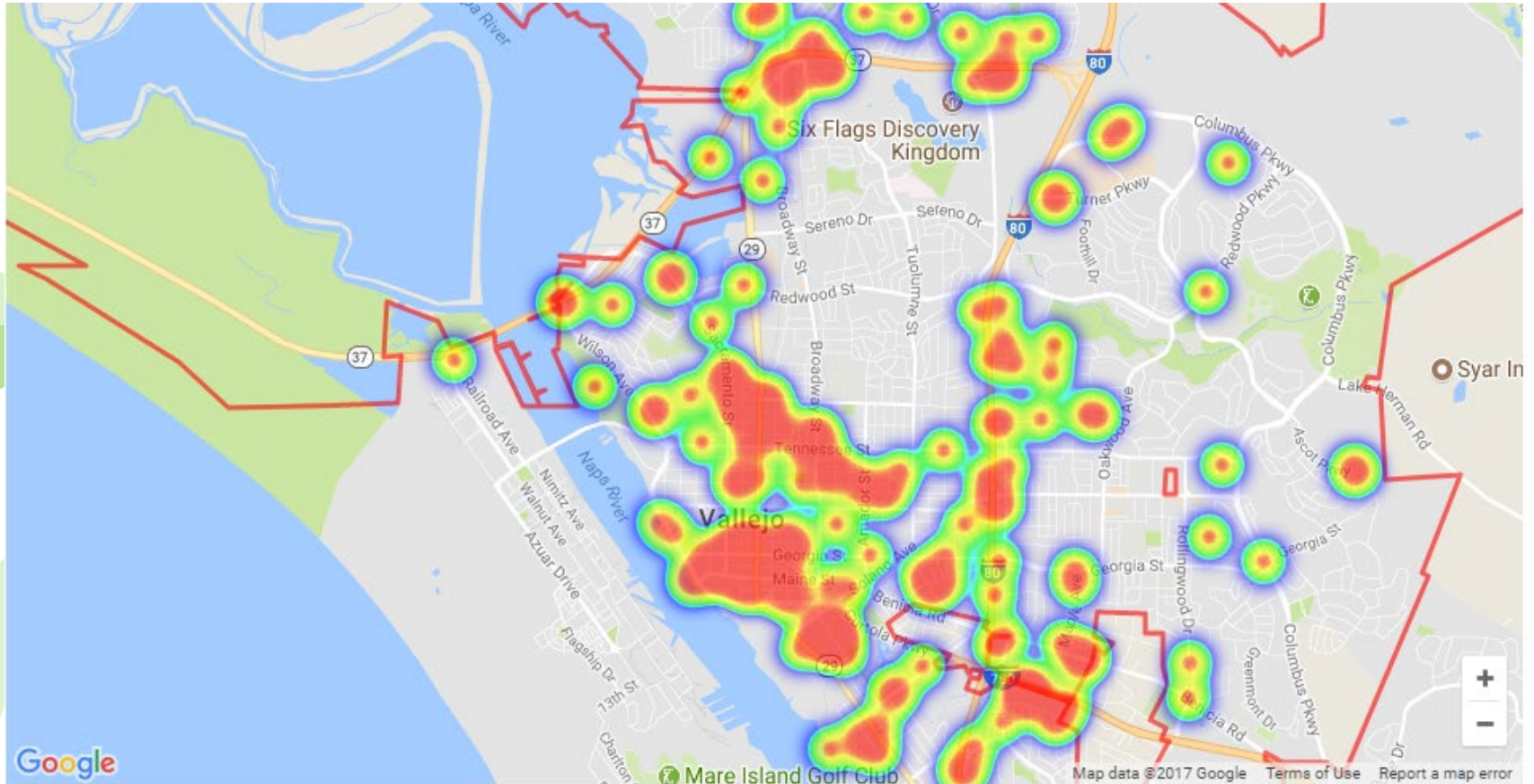
Public works picks up and disposes about 1,200 pounds of trash a day

Maintenance Crew- Team of 4, five days a week.

2016- 1.9 Million Pounds not including mattresses and tires.

Costing the City \$650,000 annually and this number is increasing.

Magnitude of the Problem





Illegal dumping blocking pedestrian bridge



Illegal

way



Illegal



Illegally dumped household trash



Solution

Education Campaign

- Illegal Dumping Hot Spot Letters
- Door Hangers
- Brochures
- New Website

Criminal Prosecutions

Road Closures

Collaboration Across Departments

VPD has hired a new Code Enforcement Officer who will investigate illegal dumping and recommend prosecution.

Public Works also assists in the prosecution by providing information.

Prosecutions are based on evidence obtained by staff trained to look for, document, and testify to admissible evidence.

Education Campaign

Press Release which invited people to our kickoff event.

The door hangers, updated website, and hotspot letters all state the following information:

- That the City is filing illegal dumping criminal complaints!
- Alternatives to illegal dumping and tips to avoid illegal dumping on your property.
- Who to call if you see an illegal dumping in progress or after the fact.
 - Vallejo has a new illegal dumping hotline and email for citizens to report to.
- What the penalty is for a successful prosecution.
- What evidence the City needs for a successful prosecution.
 - Description of the person, location of the dump, what they dumped, when they dumped, vehicle description, license plate.

Brochure



We Need Your Help!

The City of Vallejo needs your help in enforcing against illegal dumping. If you see someone dumping trash or furniture, **please call 9-1-1 or the Illegal Dumping Hotline immediately at (707) 648-0445.**

Try to get a good description of the person dumping, the location, the vehicle they were driving, and if possible, the vehicle license plate number. If able, take pictures and videos of the dumping.

REWARD!

Vallejo Municipal Code section 7.44.170 provides a reward for any person giving information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person charged with illegal dumping. The reward is up to 50% of the amount of the fine paid by the person convicted.

Report Illegal Dumping!

If You See Dumping In Progress

Call 9-1-1
or the
Illegal Dumping Hotline: (707) 648-0445

To Report Dumped Objects

If on public property, call
Public Works: (707)648-5207
If on private property, call
Code Enforcement: (707)648-4469

or

Email us:

IllegalDumping@cityofvallejo.net

or

Report to SeeClickFix:

Web: <http://seeclickfix.com/vallejo>



**WHAT CAN I DO
TO HELP THE
CITY
CRIMINALLY
ENFORCE
ILLEGAL
DUMPING?**

The Problem

- The City Grounds Maintenance Division cleans up approximately 3,500 tons of illegally dumped trash and debris on public property each year.
- Illegal dumping constitutes a public nuisance.
- Illegal dumping creates a condition of blight within the City that can result in the deterioration of property values, negatively impacting the quality of life.
- Illegal dumping is disrespectful to Vallejo, its citizens and businesses, negatively impacting the business climate in Vallejo.
- Illegal dumping promotes a perception that the laws protecting public and private property can be disregarded with impunity.

Property Owners

Property owners are responsible for illegally dumped items on their property. The City could prosecute the owner if the dumped items accumulate on or adjacent to the owner's property.

To deter people from dumping on your property please install lights, a fence, or a camera, and/or hire security or a property manager.

The Vallejo Municipal Code

It is unlawful for any person to deposit, keep, accumulate, or permit any solid waste, green waste, or recyclables upon any private or public place.

VMC §7.44.100 & §7.44.110



Help us make an #IDEALVallejo!



The Solution

Among other efforts, the City of Vallejo is criminally prosecuting people who illegally dump or accumulate garbage in violation of Vallejo Municipal Code sections 7.44.100 and 7.44.110.



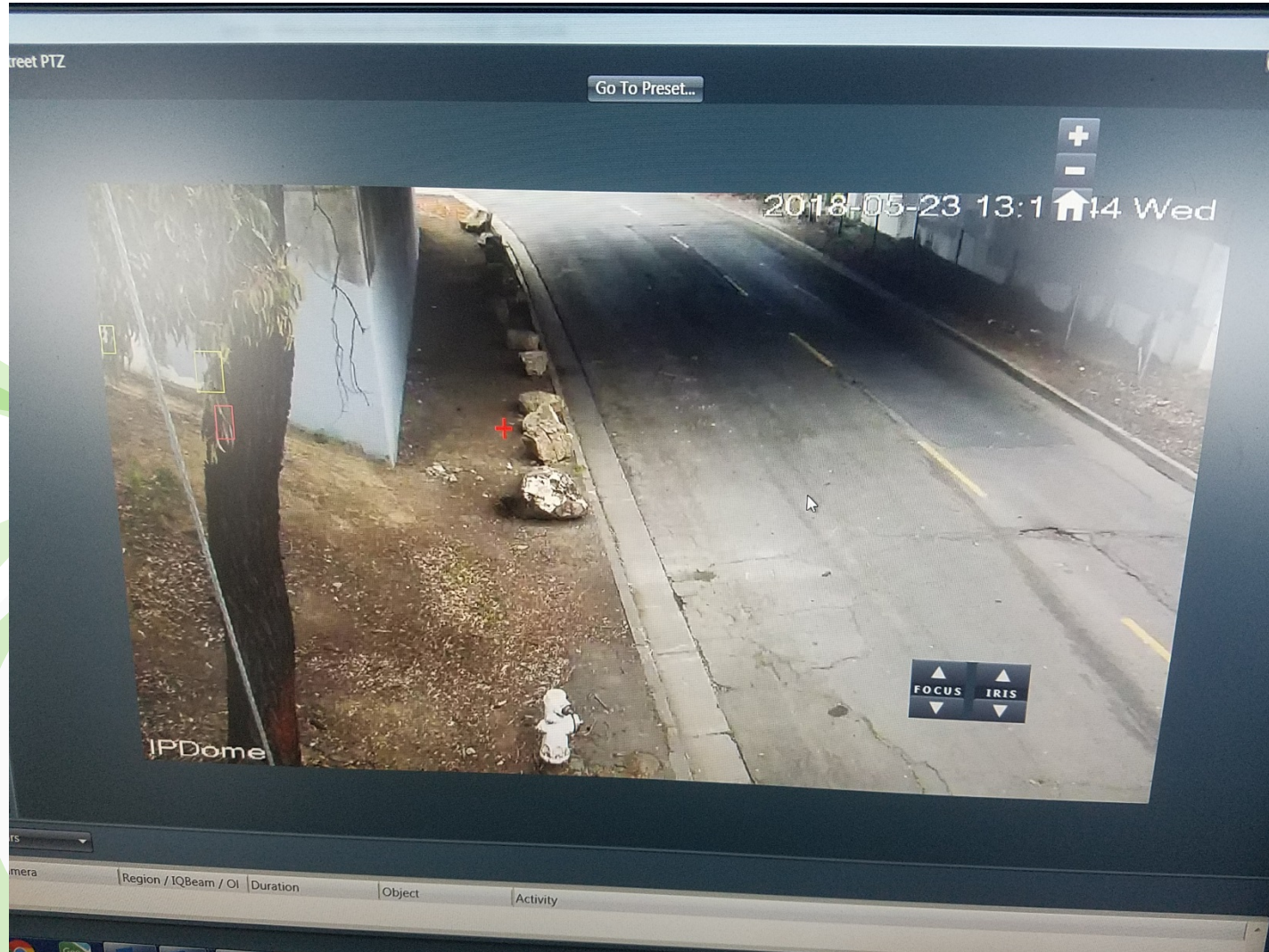
The City hired a new code enforcement officer who will be tasked with investigating and recommending prosecution for violations of the Vallejo Municipal Code.

The City can file an illegal dumping violation as either a misdemeanor or an infraction. A misdemeanor penalty could result in a fine up to a \$1,000 and/or jail time for up to six months.

Criminal Prosecutions

- Need evidence beyond a reasonable doubt.
 - Very high standard so we are relying on our officers.
- Cases come from video cameras.
- And citizen complaints come from See Click Fix, as well as the new illegal dumping hotline and email address.
- Trainings with our maintenance crew and our police department
 - VPD can issue citations and went over the elements of the updated municipal code.
 - When should the maintenance crew contact our Code Officer.

Camera View of Cleanup Result



Cameras

- They are mobile, and we placed them in 2 of our hottest spots.
- Another 15 cameras are in the process of being put up.
- The spots need to be hooked up to our light poles.
- They are monitored 24 hours by a firm. They are able to zoom in on license plates and the dumper.
- The firm has a script that we provided them.
 - Calls 911 if they see a dumping in progress during the weekend or at night.
 - If during the weekday it will call our Code Officer or our Community Service Section.

Prosecutions

- Code Officer will investigate, draft a report, and recommend to the City Attorney's Office whether or not to prosecute.
- Govt. Code section 36900 allows violations of city ordinances to be prosecuted by the City Attorney's Office.
- Vallejo amended its municipal Code to authorize misdemeanor prosecutions which carries a penalty of up to \$1,000 fine and/or 6 months in jail.
- City will prosecute to the full extent of the law.
- City has filed 30 illegal dumping criminal cases and with new cameras the City expects this number to increase.

Temporary Road Closures

- Authorizes local governments to temporarily close roads for up to 18 months if the following conditions exist:
 1. Police Department finds that there are serious and continual criminal activity including illegal dumping exists.
 2. Road is not a through street or alternatively that the law enforcement and traffic engineer has determined that the closure won't significantly impact the normal flow of traffic.
 3. Vehicles and pedestrian traffic cause the illegal activity.
 4. Closure won't substantially adversely affect traffic, safety, the performance of municipal or public services, or freight in surrounding neighborhoods.

Vehicle Code 21101.4

- The temporary road closures can be extended for eight additional consecutive periods for not more than 18 months.
- This means the roads can be temporarily closed for 13.5 years.

Temporary barrier at Enterprise



Alpine Court



Temporary Barrier at Alpine



Skyline Court



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