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Mr. Mike Perry
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66538 Eighth Street
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Re: Littering Complaint at Planning Commission Meeting

Dear Mr. Perry,

I am writing to inform you that at the June 10, 2014, Desert Hot Springs Planning Commission meeting, a member of the public commented during the public comment period that copies of the Desert Star Weekly were being tossed onto vacant lots and found strewn in certain streets throughout the City.

The Planning Commission requested that I notify the Paper's owner that pursuant to Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code Section 9.12.150 "Litter on vacant lots" that it is illegal for any person to "throw or deposit litter on any open or vacant private property within the City whether owned by such person or not." In addition, please be advised that pursuant to Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code Section 9.12.040 "Litter in public places," it is illegal for any person to "throw, discard, place or deposit litter in any manner or amount upon any public or private property within the City except in public containers, or in authorized private containers for collection, or in official City dumps." Moreover, pursuant to Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code Section 9.12.090 "Litter thrown by persons in vehicles," "[n]o person, while a driver or a passenger in a vehicle, shall throw or deposit litter upon any street or other public way within the City, or upon private property." It is further provided that if there is evidence that litter was thrown or deposited upon any street or other public place within the City, or upon private property by any person in an identified vehicle, the registered owner of the vehicle will be subject to a citation for violating the Municipal Code.

In light of the foregoing, please immediately advise your paper deliverers to refrain from delivering any papers to vacant lots and to make an extra effort to ensure that the papers are not deposited on any public rights of way such as sidewalks, gutters, medians, parkways and streets.

Sincerely,

Rich Malacoff, AICP
Acting Community Development Director