



### **PUTTING PRESSURE ON PROBLEM NEIGHBORS**

1. Ask the renters or manager of the property to resolve the problem. They may not even be aware there is a problem.
2. If the renters or manager do not fix the problem, ask the owner. Call the Assessor's Office at **(720) 913-4162** for the owner's name and address.
3. If the owner doesn't solve the problem, then ask the neighbors to start calling and writing the owner. (Neighborhood block captains can help.) Call the owner on every incident that occurs.
4. Still no resolution? Then file complaints on all violations with various city agencies. Organize neighbors to watch and call on each violation, including:
  - Neighborhood Inspection Services (720) 865-3200 – Unsanitary conditions; inoperable utilities; fire damage; health hazards.
  - Social Services (720) 944-3000 – Child abuse; child left alone; unsanitary conditions with children present; children in care of drunken or drugged persons.
  - Police Department (720) 913-2000
  - Disturbances & Crime, 911 (emergencies & in-progress calls)
5. If there has been heavy Police activity for repeated disturbances or prostitution, call the Community Resource Officer and have them determine if a Public Nuisance Violation can be filed against the building owner. Owners may lose their property. If additional documentation (police offense reports, arrests, field complaints) is needed, ask the CRO for assistance.
6. Contact the news media if the conditions are extreme and newsworthy.
7. If there is substantial evidence to show the problem building/property is hurting your business, you may be able to sue the owner for damages. Contact a lawyer.

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