

## Perris Press Release

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## New Number to Call for Code Enforcement

Beginning Monday, Perris residents can call a new telephone number to report code enforcement issues and concerns. Perris residents may call 951-385-4131 between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday to speak to code enforcement officials.

The City of Perris has contracted with Riverside County to provide code enforcement services. Under terms of the agreement, the City will be provided with four code compliant officials and supervision.

Glenn Baude, Riverside County's Director of Code Enforcement, said his team looks forward to its new opportunity in Perris. The department will be housed at 227 North D Street. In addition to housing staff whose duties lie only in Perris, another office of county code enforcement officers also will be housed in the building.

Baude says bring City and county code enforcement officers together will help both agencies address concerns in areas in which Perris borders unincorporated Riverside County.

"What helps the City of Perris obviously helps the county and vice-versa," Baude said. "It's going to be a great partnership, a win-win situation. I know that's a cliché but I think in this case it really is true."

County code enforcement officials plan to work with Perris businesses, churches and civic groups to solicit input about how the make the City look as good as possible. Improving code enforcement and enhancing the appearance of Perris is one of the City's long-term strategic planning goals.

Toward that end, Baude said he hopes to work with Perris agencies to organize a volunteer corps to cut grass, pull weeds and remove trash from homes whose owners are elderly or infirmed.

He also said the new Code Enforcement Department will begin targeting illegal vendors and conducting weekend sweeps looking for code violations.

As part of the new arrangement, Manny Acueto, a longtime county code enforcement officer, has been named Perris' new Code Enforcement Manager.

