

An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood. The image shows a grid of streets with houses on either side. The houses are mostly single-story with varying roof colors (brown, grey, blue). There are many green trees scattered throughout the neighborhood, particularly along the streets and in front yards. Some houses have swimming pools visible in their backyards. The overall scene is a typical suburban residential area.

Community Development Department

April 3, 2024

Community Development Divisions

- Building and Permitting (Enterprise Fund): Reviews plans, issues building permits & inspections buildings. Funded by permits and other fees.
- Housing Division: Manages the City's federal and state housing grants and programs. Funded by state and federal grants and the general fund.
- Planning: Reviews development project and plans for consistency with City regulations. Updates/maintains City's planning, housing, and development documents. General fund.
- Code Compliance: Enforces the City's municipal code (local laws). General fund.



Keeping Hanford Safe and Clean

- The City's Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Divisions are tasked with keeping the City safe and clean
- Planning focuses on orderly/sustainable growth
- Building ensures structures are built per the California Building Code
- Code Compliance enforces local laws to keep properties safe and clean



Challenges

Department Challenges

- Residents want quick responses, but limitations exist due to available resources, laws, and required timelines
- Demands for additional services and programs
- “Unfunded mandates” result in new programs, reporting, plans, etc. that the City must implement

Code Compliance Challenges

- Code Compliance has seen an uptick in cases related to homelessness, unsafe structure abatement, and dumping
 - Code Compliance has received several requests to provide weekend/night enforcement but staffing levels make that difficult
 - Calls and requests for code enforcement officers exceed staffing time available, resulting in a mostly “reactive” and not “proactive” approach
 - Notices of Violation by year:
 - 2022 – 846
 - 2023 – 2,160
 - 2024 – 494
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Staffing (Code Compliance)


- Code Compliance Supervisor
- Code Compliance Officer (2)
- Community Enhancement Officer








Compliance Example


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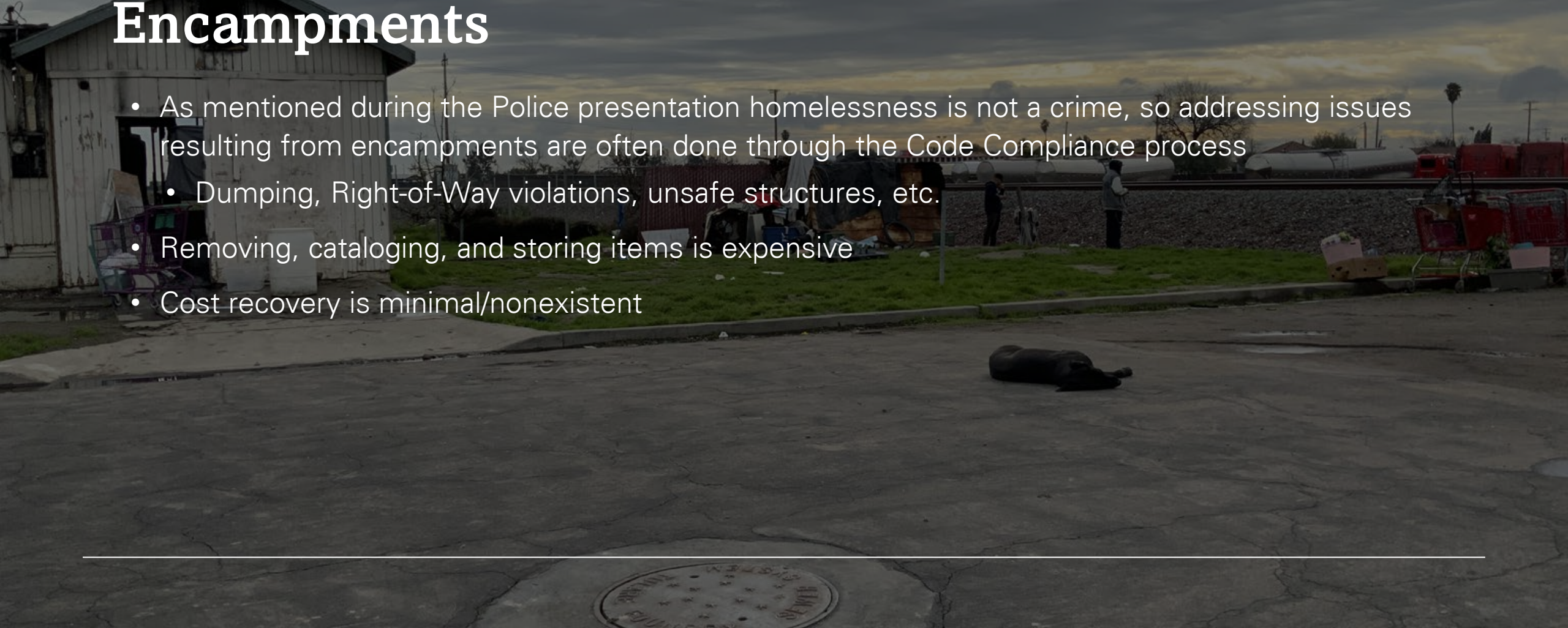
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| Phone | 559 <input type="text"/> |
| Email | <input type="text"/> @att.net |
| Violation Type | Basketball court in sidewalk it's been there for at least 8 wks I almost tripped on it when I go for walks. |
| Address of Violation | 76 <input type="text"/> |
| City | Hanford |
| State | CA |
| Zip Code | 93230 |
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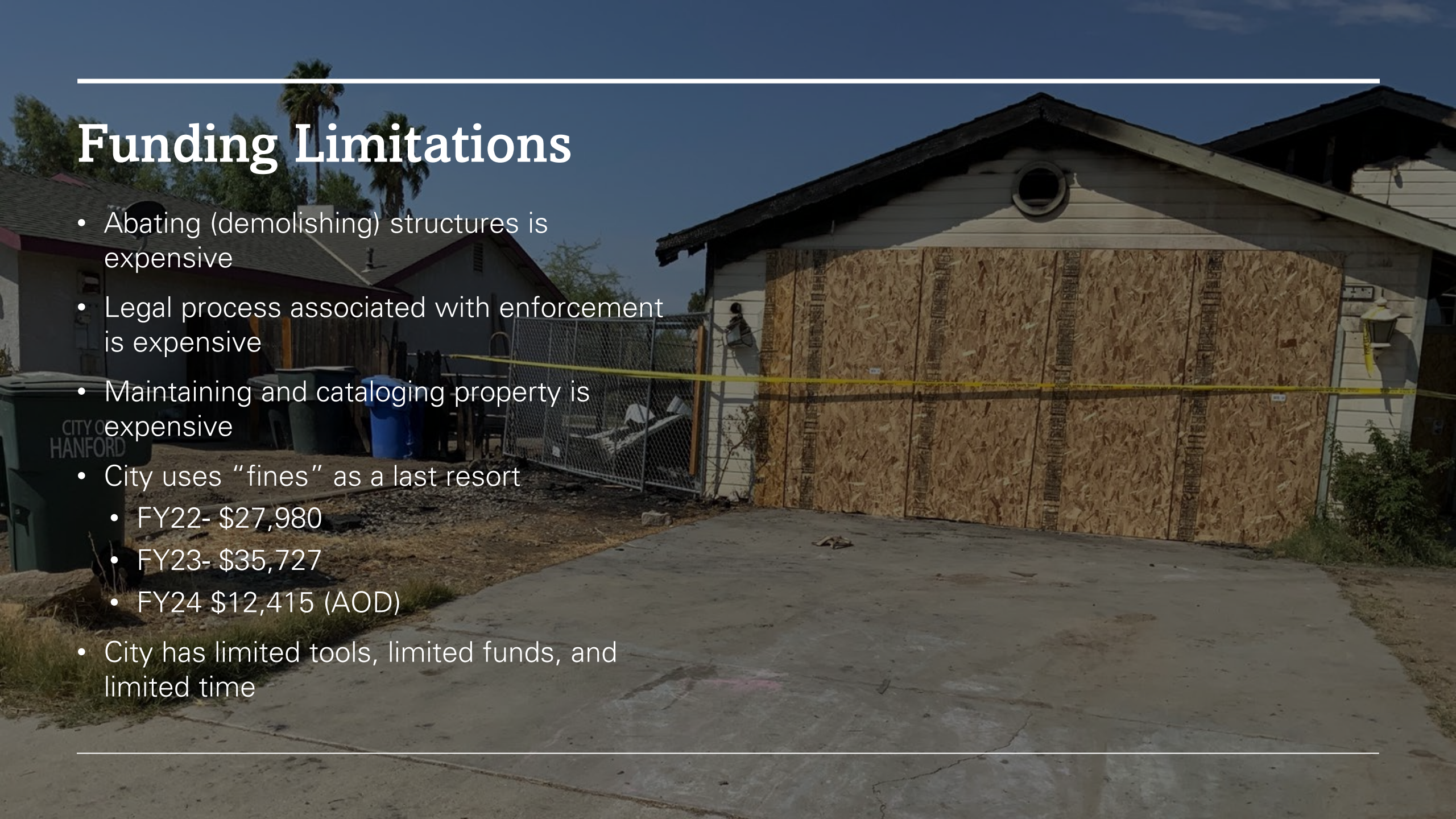
Addressing the Issues Associated with Encampments

- As mentioned during the Police presentation homelessness is not a crime, so addressing issues resulting from encampments are often done through the Code Compliance process
 - Dumping, Right-of-Way violations, unsafe structures, etc.
- Removing, cataloging, and storing items is expensive
- Cost recovery is minimal/nonexistent



Funding Limitations

- Abating (demolishing) structures is expensive
 - Legal process associated with enforcement is expensive
 - Maintaining and cataloging property is expensive
 - City uses “fines” as a last resort
 - FY22- \$27,980
 - FY23- \$35,727
 - FY24 \$12,415 (AOD)
 - City has limited tools, limited funds, and limited time
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Questions?

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