

## III | RECOMMENDATIONS

### RECOMMENDATION #1

#### TO ADDRESS VEHICLES CONTINUALLY REPAIRED ON DRIVEWAYS



#### ISSUE

Vehicles continually repaired on driveways are a common resident complaint received by the Code Enforcement Unit. Vehicles that are continually being repaired on driveways create a visual blight and safety concern in neighborhoods.

Many of the complaints are initiated from residents that live in Chandler's traditional neighborhoods which are those not governed by homeowner associations.

#### BACKGROUND

Currently, a Code Enforcement Inspector issues a seven (7) to ten (10) day notice to comply and follows up to ensure compliance. If a dangerous condition exists, the inspector will issue an immediate notice to correct the situation within 24 hours. However, in all cases of non-compliance, an inspector has discretion to issue a civil citation requiring an owner's appearance in a Municipal Court. Note: An owner has an affirmative defense allowing three (3) fourteen (14) day repairs in any twelve month period. Repairs must be conducted under a covered roof area or in a rear yard. See Section IV Appendix, Exhibit #7 to view Arizona City Codes Regulating Unregistered Vehicles on Private Property.

#### TASK FORCE RECOMMENDED ACTION

The City should consider revised ordinance amendments

to the Neighborhood Preservation Code Chapter 30 to include the following:

- Remove the fourteen (14) day exception or reduce allowed repairs from fourteen (14) days to seven (7) days for minor auto repair.
- Distinguish between major and minor auto repair.
- Prohibit visible major auto repair.
- Provide a clear definition distinguishing between repairs versus restoration and prohibit front yard restoration of vehicles.

The aforementioned ordinance amendments should be accompanied by enhanced enforcement procedures to include the following:

- Shorten timeframe to correct violations (less than seven (7) days).
- Directed or saturated parking enforcement.
- Collaborative enforcement efforts with the Police Department and the Code Enforcement Unit.
- Enlist pilot program of citizen volunteers for parking enforcement.

#### LEGAL CONSIDERATION

Adequately defining major versus minor repairs and restoration to remove any ambiguity that could interfere with citizen compliance or Code Enforcement's ability to prove violations in City Court.