

Excessive Police Services Ordinance

Wichita Police Department



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Background

- Small number of locations responsible for inordinate number of police calls for service
 - Apartment building with 244 calls on Pawnee another on Central with 209
 - Motel with 193 calls
- Patterned after existing ordinances nationwide
- Hold unresponsive property owners accountable
- Excludes Domestic Violence calls
- Entirely a Civil Process

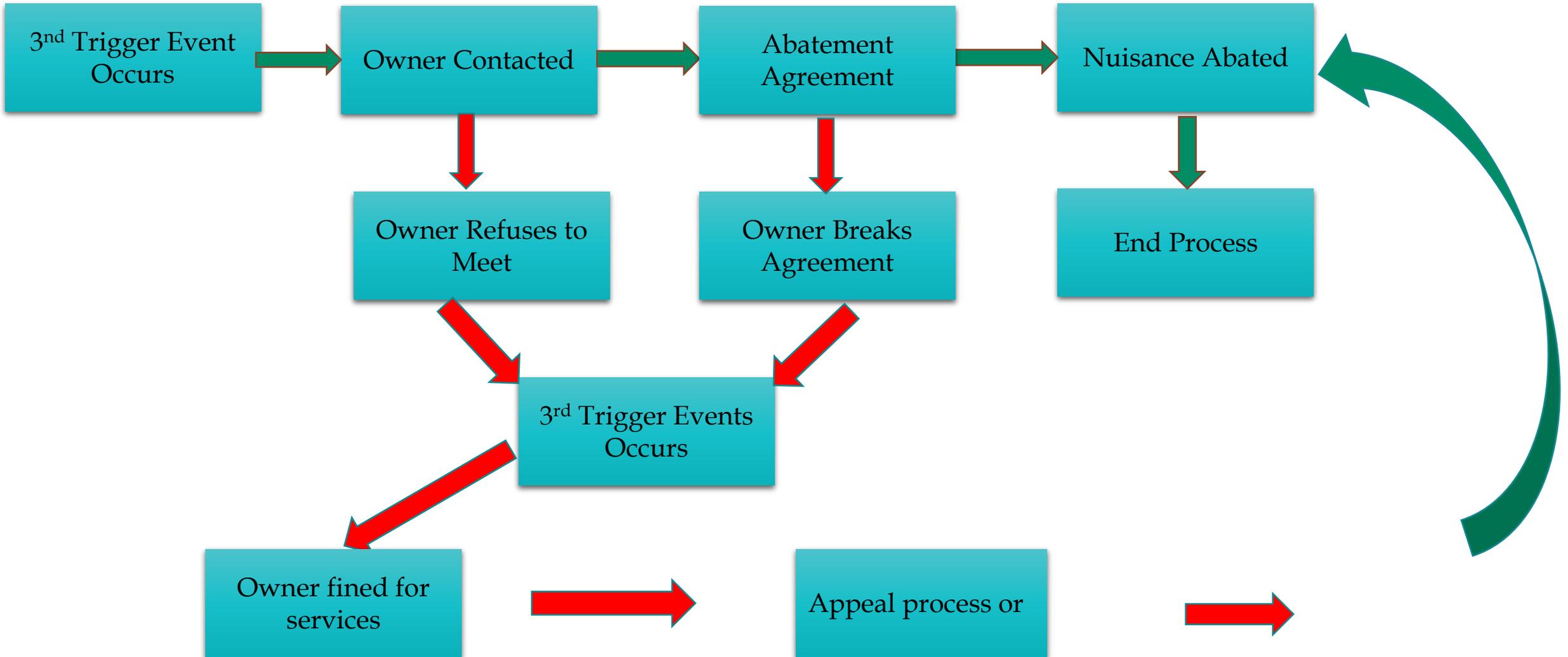
Efforts Completed

- ✓ Drafted ordinance in partnership with Law
- ✓ Public information pamphlet
- ✓ Met with community/neighborhood organizations
- ✓ Looked at best practices

Nuisance Activities

- Crimes of Violence (Excluding Domestic)
- Drug activity
- Commercial gambling
- Dealing in gambling devices
- Possession of gambling devices
- Promoting obscenity
- Promoting Prostitution/Habitually promoting prostitution
- Violations of any law regulating controlled substances
- Violations of any law regulating the sale or exchange of alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverages, by any person not licensed
- Violations of any law regulating the sale or exchange of cigarettes or tobacco products
- Any felony committed for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with a criminal street gang
- Obstructing pedestrian or vehicular traffic
- Failure to disperse
- Any weapon violations
- Loud music
- Fighting, loud, and boisterous behavior
- Noisy animals that disturb the peace
- Permitting a dangerous dog to run loose
- Depositing trash
- Violations of housing and building codes

Process



Proposed Fines

A “special security assignment” fee will be charged for a third offense, and the responsible party will incur the cost of hourly wages of all first responders on scene, investigations personnel, and medical costs. The hourly wages shall be computed by the City of Wichita Finance Department every January 1st and be in effect for each calendar year.

Landlord Appeal Rights

- After Bureau Commanders begin civil fine process, property owner may appeal fines
 - First step of appeal process is with Chief of Police
 - Additional appeal process beyond Chief is possible

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