



Often times I use my bulletins as a way to provide additional information about city ordinances, policies and procedures. This type of communication helps you know what is necessary to be in compliance with our city's laws and it also gives me the opportunity to explain why these new measures were determined to be important from our perspective as city officials.

A new city ordinance related to dust control went into effect on March 31, 2008. This ordinance was the direct result of a new air quality law passed by the state of Arizona. One of the provisions of the state law is that all metropolitan area cities and Maricopa county would be required to adopt local ordinances to control dust by March 31, 2008.

There are several stipulations of the dust control ordinance that have had or will have a direct effect on many of you and I want to be sure and get the word out as best I can. One of these important measures is that no person is allowed to use a leaf-blower to move landscape materials or debris into the street at anytime. In addition, the state and county prohibits the use of leaf-blowers on surfaces that have not been stabilized with asphalt, concrete, hardscape, soil stabilizers, gravel, crushed granite, grass or other vegetative cover.

Another regulation included in the ordinance that is currently being enforced is that no person shall use a vehicle on an unpaved vacant lot unless the surface is permanently maintained with a dustproof method. Effective October 1, 2008 the ordinance will also restrict property owners from allowing any parking or maneuvering on any area that serves commercial, industrial or more than four residential units unless the surface is permanently maintained with a dustproof method.

It is extremely important that you know all the dust control measures that are included in this ordinance. If you have any questions about the specifics please contact the city of Glendale Code Compliance Department at 623-930-3610. For enforcement specifically involving moving vehicles that are creating dust call the Police Department at 623-930-3000.

Thank you taking the time to read my "Glendale Bulletins". Please contact me at (623) 930-2260 or mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com, if you have any comments or questions. I strive to provide the most timely information and best possible service to you, the citizens of Glendale. I sincerely appreciate your feedback.