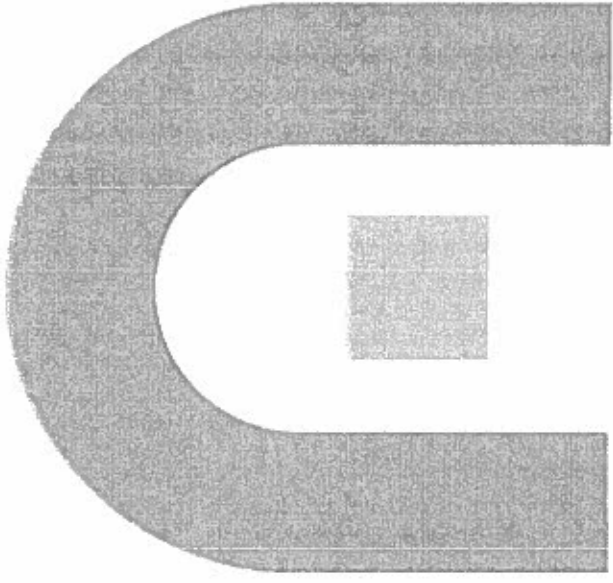




Allentown
City without limits.

Mayor Ed Pawlowski, City of Allentown



- SWEEP strives to increase the cleanliness of Allentown through increased knowledge of and compliance with the litter, trash and recycling ordinances.
- SWEEP Officers provide education and may issue warnings, SWEEP tickets and/or citations for non-compliance.



- SWEEP Officers perform both pro-active and complaint based education and enforcement.
- Ordinances:
 - Neighborhood Improvement
 - Municipal Solid Waste
 - Residential and Commercial Recycling

Improved Enforcement to Address Quality of Life Issues

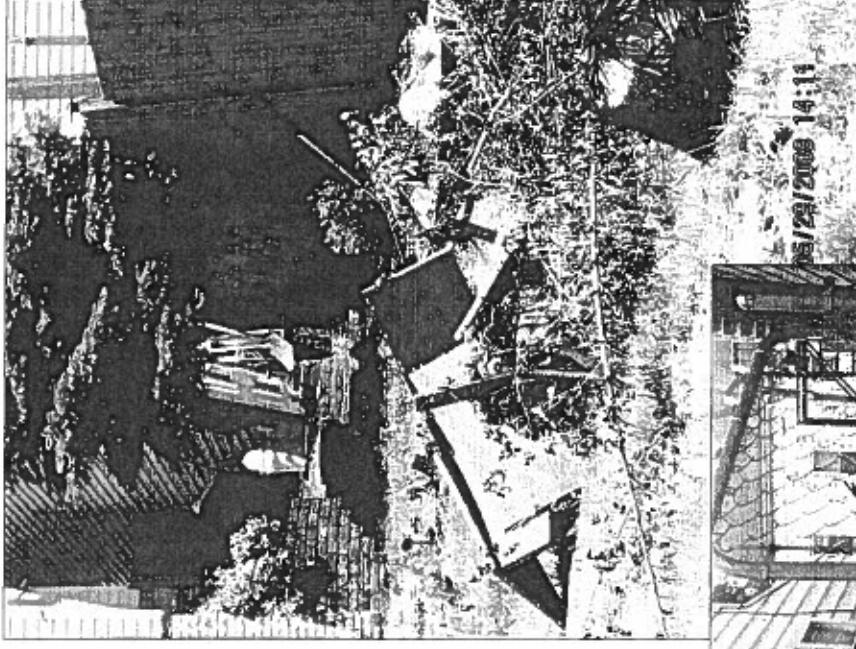
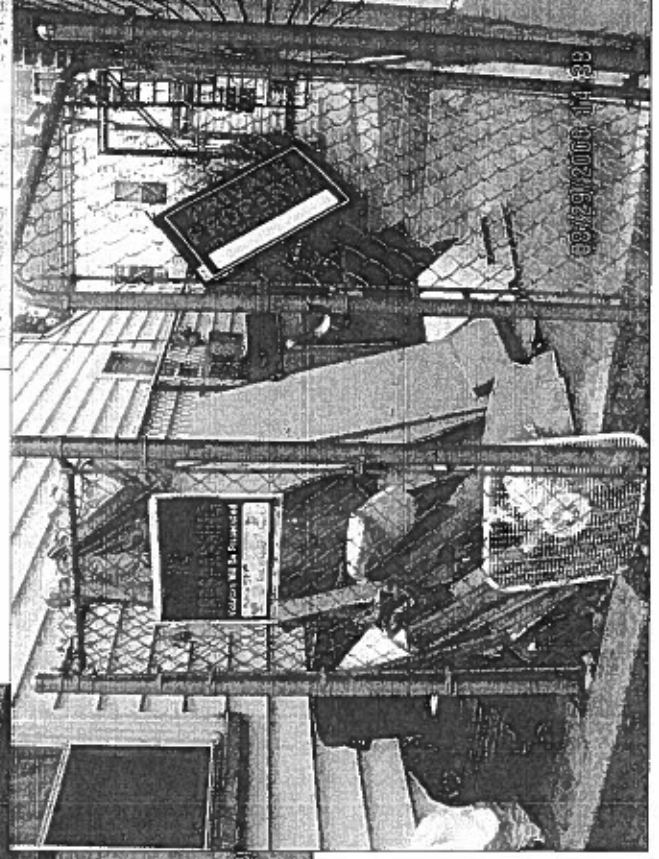
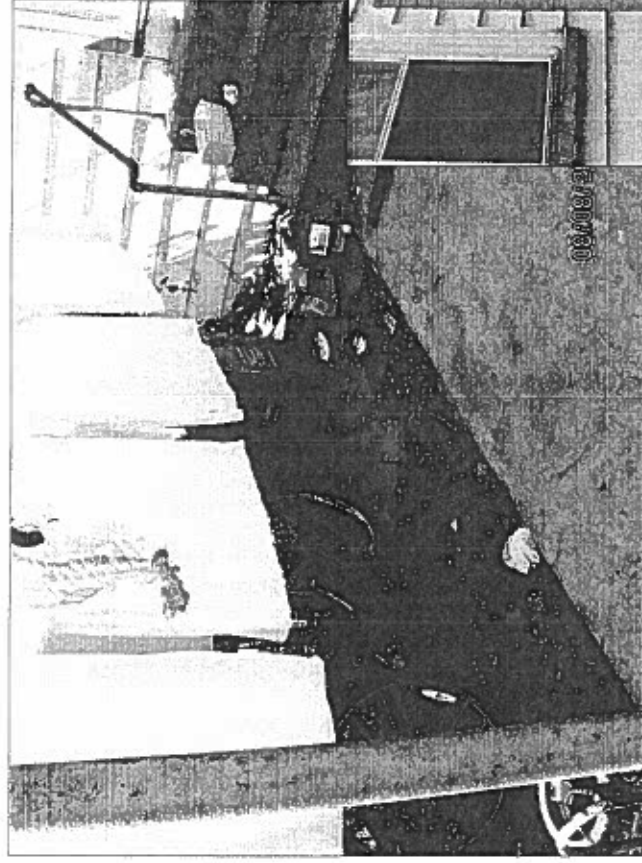
Trash cleanouts



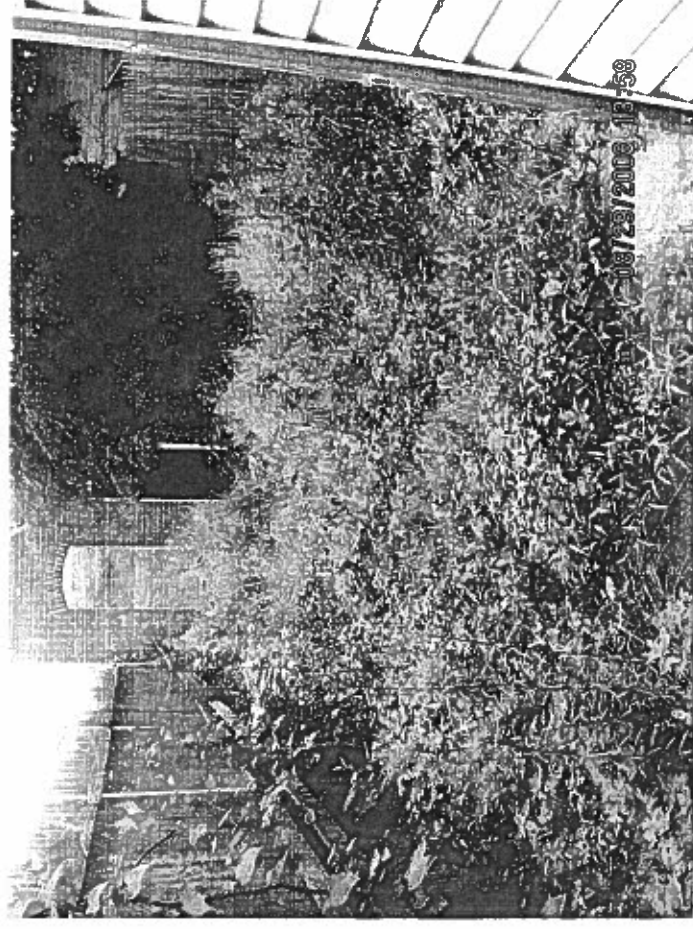
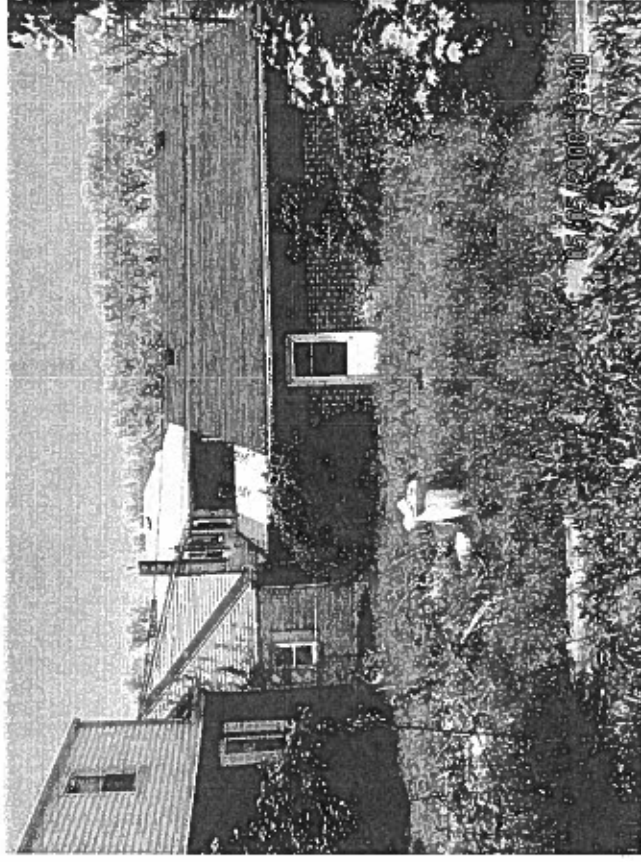
Improper trash storage.
Not recycling.



Trash & Debris Accumulation



High Grass and Weed Violations





- The Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste administers the database system to track complaints, SWEEP tickets issued, collect ticket revenue as well as administer the program for other bureaus/programs:
 - Allentown Police Department
 - Animal Control
 - Health
 - Engineering



SWEEP tickets may also be issued for violations of the:

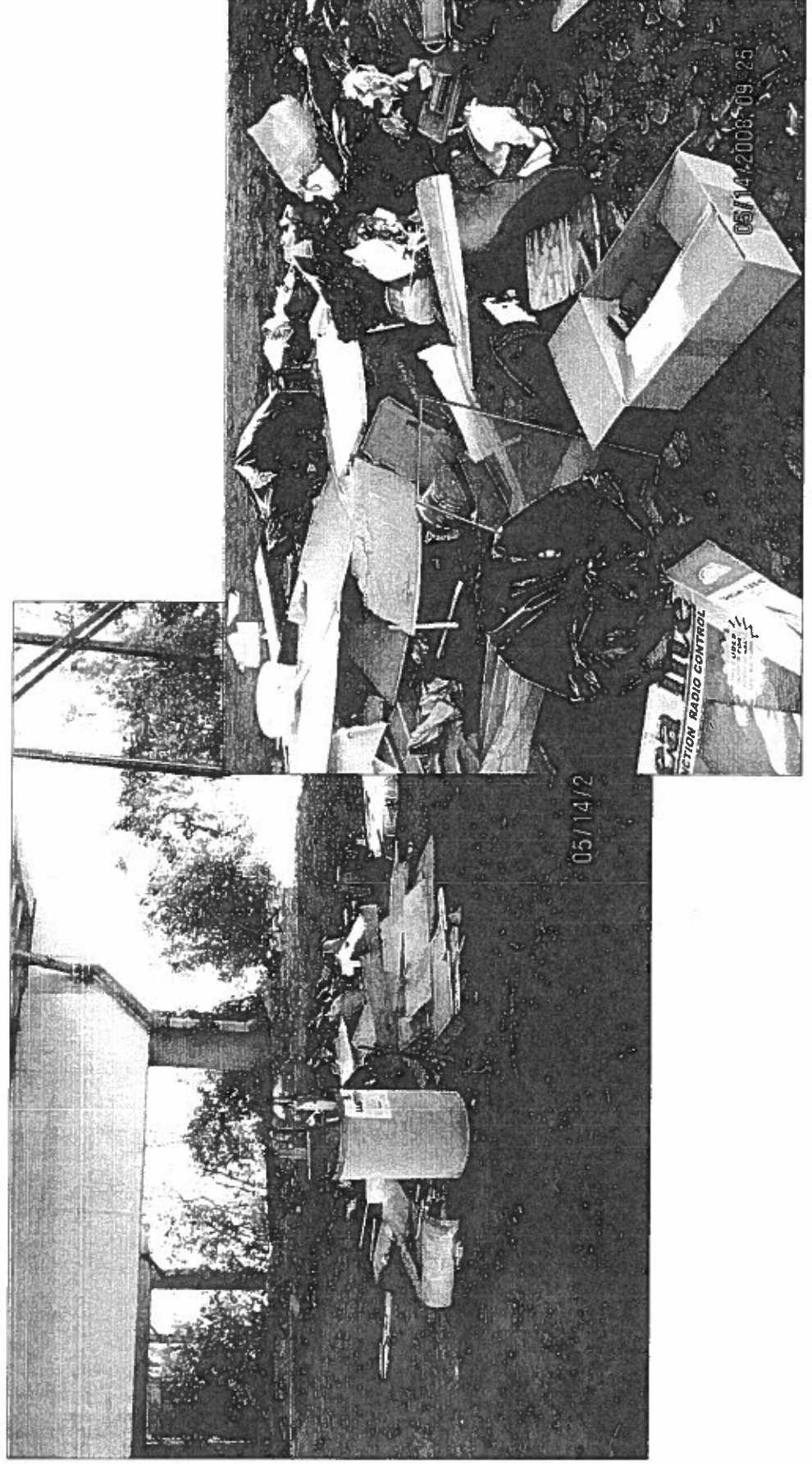
- Noise Ordinance
- Snow Ordinance (sidewalks not cleared)
- Animal Control



- SWEEP Officers respond to complaints and perform pro-active enforcement.
- SWEEP addressed complaints regarding litter, accumulation of trash on properties, high grass and weeds, non-recycling, illegal dumping, etc.

Illegal Dumping

\$1,000 and \$5,000 fines may be issued.



Original design of
the SWEEP
ticket.

Was created and
designed similar
to a parking
ticket.



CITY OF ALLENTOWN SWEEP Violation Ticket

For violations of City of Allentown Ordinances,
Articles 725, 1131, 1137, 1139

Date	Time	AM PM	No. 10001	Bar Code
Name of Violator				
DOB	Operator # OR SS #			
Address of Violator				
City	State	Zip		
Location of Violation				
License Plate #	State	Year / Make / Model / Color		
Owner				
Owner Address				
City	State	Zip		

\$25 VIOLATION: if paid within 10 days / \$36 after 10 days until Citation

- ☐ **LITTERING**
- ☐ Littered: ☐ sidewalk ☐ property ☐ wrong day
- ☐ Trash / Recyclables: ☐ out early ☐ loose ☐ improper location
- ☐ Stealing Recyclables
- ☐ Misuse of Shopping Carts
- ☐ Other: #

\$100 VIOLATION: if paid within 10 days / \$125 after 10 days until Citation

- ☐ Throwing litter from vehicle ☐ Unsecured vehicle load causing litter
- ☐ Illegal Dumping ☐ Dumping motor oil, paint, hazardous waste
- ☐ Trash cleanout (messy or early)
- ☐ Trash or debris accumulation on property
- ☐ Stealing recyclable appliances
- ☐ Other: #

Describe Violations

Issuing Officer	ID No.	Dept	Disruptive Conduct
			Yes No

Failure to pay fine will result in a citation. See reverse side for payment instructions.

FOR "OTHER" VIOLATIONS OF THESE ARTICLES USE THESE REFERENCE NUMBERS ON TICKET UNDER THE \$25 OR \$100 SECTION

Anti Litter Ordinance, Article 725

- A1 Placing unacceptable trash in City litter basket
- A2 Damaging a City litter basket
- A3 Illegal placement of handbills, newspapers or notices
- A4 Litter from vehicle/substances from tires
- A5 Graffiti on property
- A6 Party to graffiti vandalism
- A7 Illegal sale or purchase of spray paint/markers
- A8 Illegal possession of spray paint/markers by minor
- A9 Illegal possession of spray paint/markers in public parks and buildings
- A10 Misuse of shopping cart
- A11 Shopping cart not marked with owner's name
- A12 No posted store sign, "Removal of carts/subject to fine"
- A13 Shopping cart not retrieved by owner after notification

Solid Waste Ordinance, Article 1131

- B1 Placing trash from another location in front of a property in City collection
- B2 Placing trash out for City collection without paying for City services.
- B3 Unlicensed waste hauler
- B4 Containers not removed from curb within 12 hrs
- B5 More than 70 pounds of construction material out for collection.
- B6 Failure to provide private trash collection
- B7 Overflowing dumpster, littered dumpster area (residential or commercial)

Residential Recycling Ordinance, Article 1137

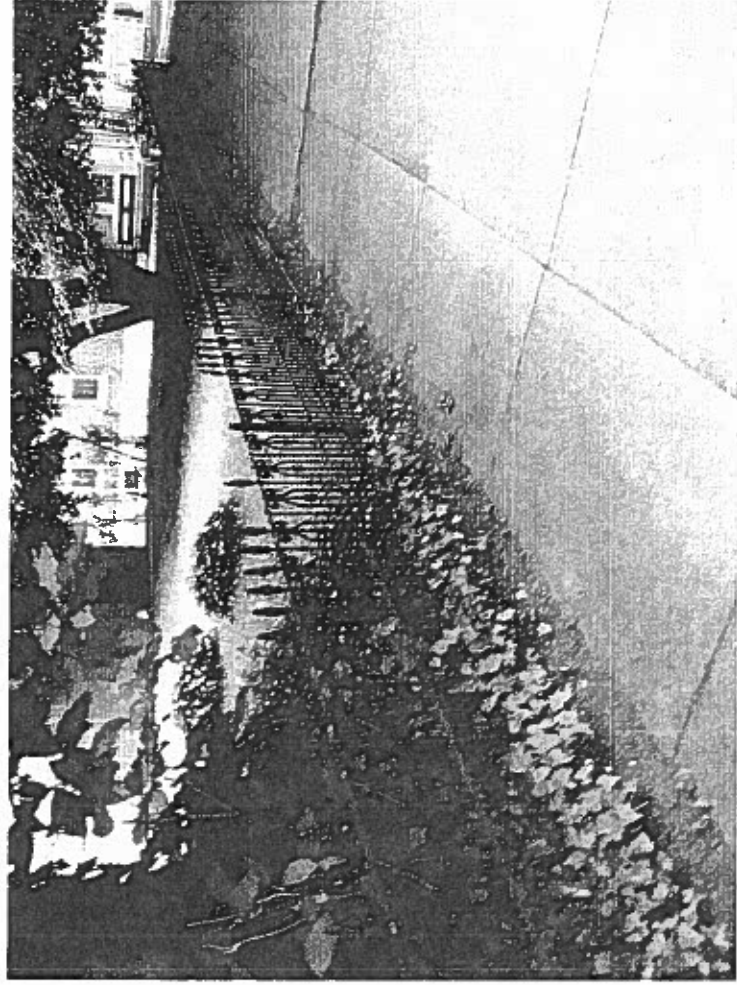
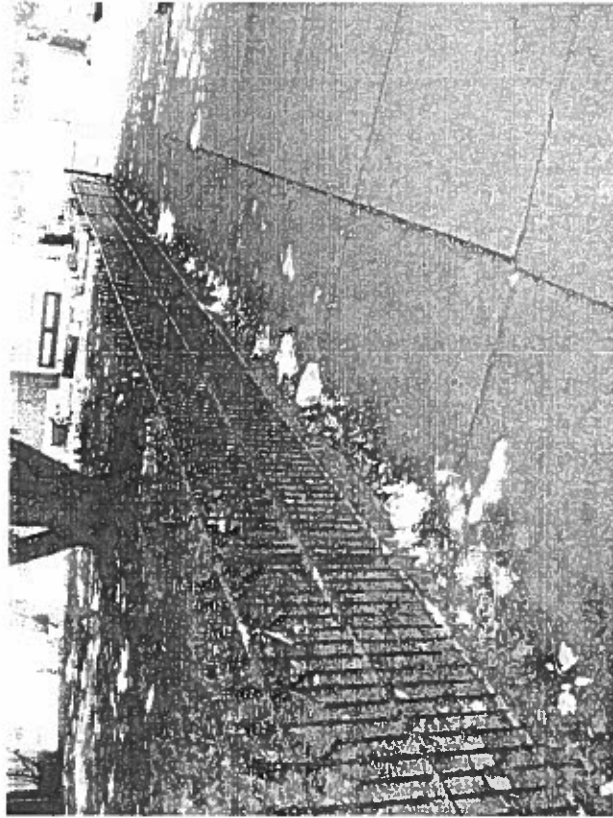
- C1 Not recycling property
- C2 Misuse of recycling container
- C3 Failure to recycle yard waste

Commercial Recycling Ordinance, Article 1139

- D1 Failure to recycle by a commercial entity
- D2 Failure to provide private recycling collection
- D3 Failure to recycle property
- D4 Failure to recycle corrugated cardboard
- D5 Violation of storage and placement of recyclables.
- D6 Overflowing recycling containers
- D7 Failure to provide tenants with recycling collection/containers/education
- D8 Transporting recycling and causing litter / unsecured load
- Unauthorized collection of recyclable materials

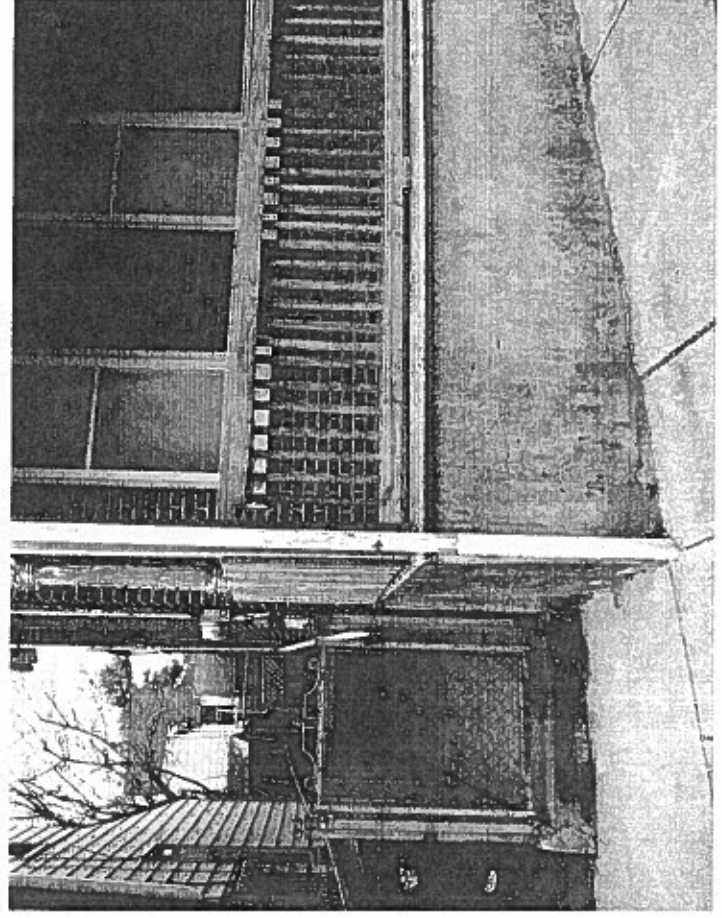


Before & After





Before & After





In 2011:

- Over 5,800 SWEEP tickets issued for over 9,000 violations of City ordinances.
- Fines are \$25 or \$100 (the \$25 fine is the majority)
- The Administration and City Council passed progressive fines for repeat offenders.
- 60% of the tickets are paid
- Majority of the types of violations addressed
 - **SWEEP Officers** – trash/debris/ litter accumulation, trash out early, high grass, weed or vegetation overgrowth, failure to remove snow/ice
 - **APD** – noise violations from vehicles and across property boundaries, “In-Progress” violations such as littering and illegal dumping.
 - **Animal Control** – license and rabies violations, animals at-large
 - **Engineering** – failure to remove snow/ice reported by complaints.
 - **Health** – animal feces accumulation



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