

P-25 Ordinance Overview of Rules & Regulations

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Ordinance P-25 restricts any individual from operating a leaf blower or other air generating device in the following two ways:

- Blowing of landscape debris into public roadways
- Operating leaf blowers on surfaces that are un-stabilized



The Ordinance Itself

- The ordinance defines a public roadway as any street, alley, road, highway or thoroughfare of any kind that is used by the public or that is open to the public as a matter of right, including those roadways within gated communities, for the purpose of vehicular travel.



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- The ordinance defines a stabilized surface as surfaces that have been treated with asphaltic concrete, cement concrete, hardscape, penetration treatment of bituminous material and seal coat of bituminous binder and a mineral aggregate, decomposed granite cover, crushed granite cover, aggregate cover, gravel cover, grass or other continuous vegetative cover, or any combination of these stabilizers.



Ordinance P-25 originates from Arizona Revised Statutes:

- A.R.S. Title 11 Sections 871 and 877(A)(B)

Context of Application of P-25

- P-25 is applicable throughout Area A in Maricopa County
- Most landscaping companies and their employees in Maricopa County are becoming more aware of this ordinance
- Most home owners are not aware of P-25
- Government employees are included in the leaf blower ordinance

- A.R.S. Title 11 877(A)1 prohibits employees or contractors of a government agency from operating leaf blowers in any mode other than vacuum mode on a high pollution advisory day and prohibits those employees or contractors from blowing landscape debris into public roadways at any time.



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P-25 Ordinance Exemptions

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Any site that has a Dust Control Permit issued to it by Maricopa County to control fugitive dust from dust generating operations is exempt from all sections of the P-25 Ordinance.



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Two main situations of encountering P-25 Ordinance:

- Inspectors responding to citizen complaints
- An ordinance violation observed while patrolling an inspectors assigned district



We have received multiple citizen complaints and had outreach with individuals using leaf blowers throughout the year.

- 144 citizen complaints
- 16 warning violations issued
- 170 outreach attempts (either directly, by flyer, or by phone)

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Opacity Standards

- Even though the operator of the leaf blower may be in compliance with the ordinance the operator will still need be aware of the opacity standards set forth in Rule 300.
- No person shall discharge into the ambient air from any single source of emissions any air contaminant, other than uncombined water, in excess of 20% opacity for a period aggregating more than three minutes in any 60-minute period.



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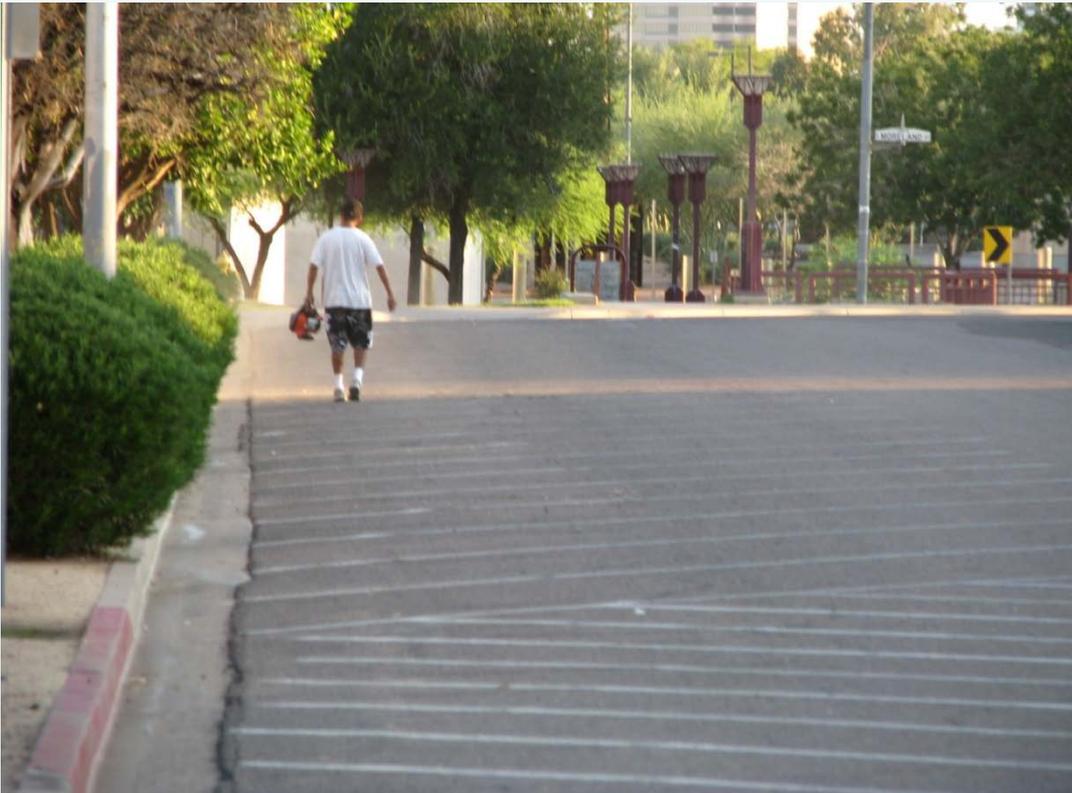
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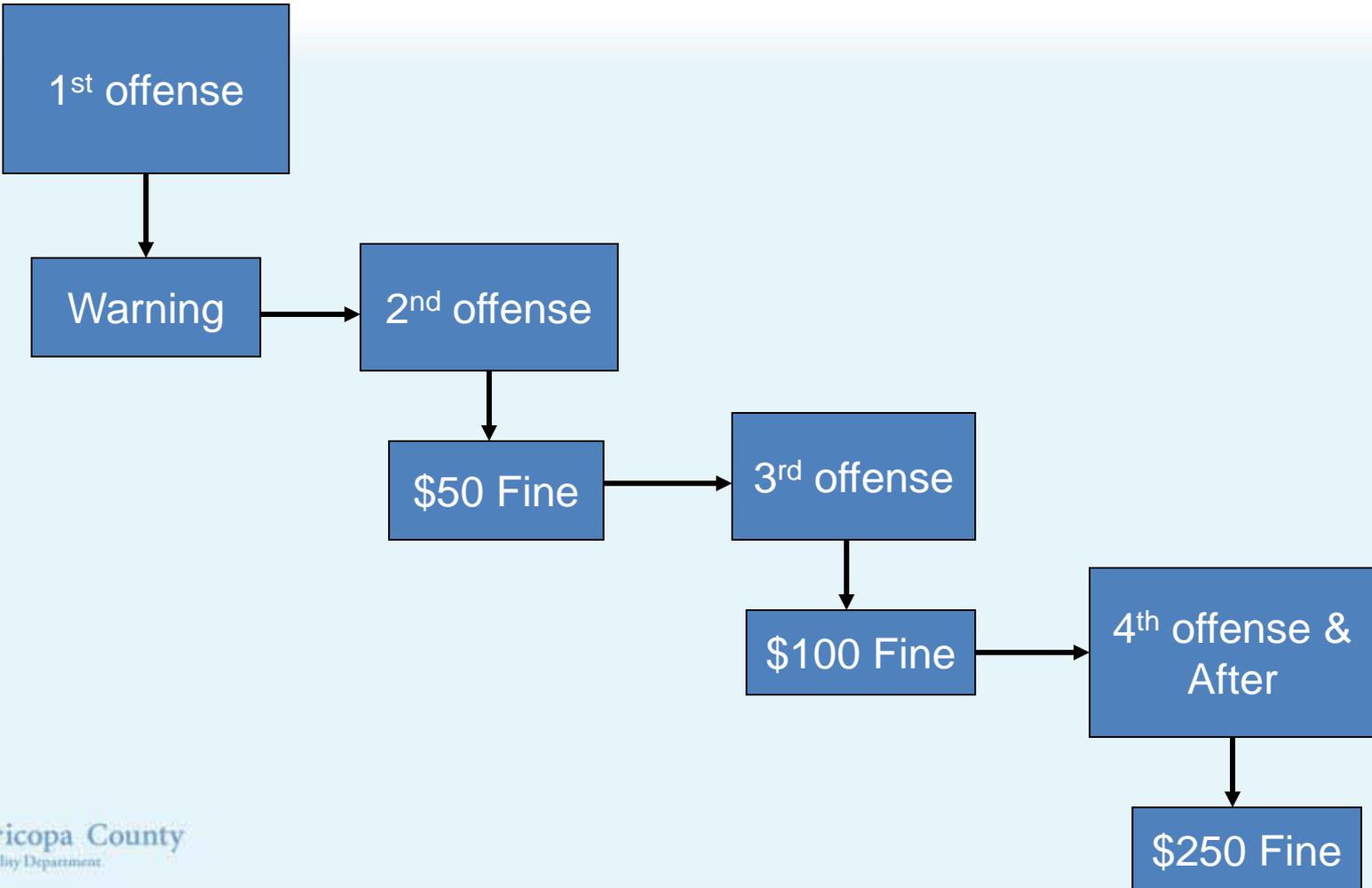
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Penalties for Repeat Violators



Ordinance Enforcement Flow Chart

Notice of Violation

Review Referral

Warning for first offense

No Further Action

After first offense

Referred to Enforcement

Penalty Assessed

Enforcement Officer Conference

Agreement

Payment

Referral Resolved

No Agreement / No Response

County Attorney

Prosecute

Currently the informational handout/flyer that MCAQD distributes to the public can be found online at:

- http://www.maricopa.gov/AQ/divisions/planning_analysis/docs/P-25.pdf

ADEQ also distributes an informational handout/flyer to the public, which can be found online at :

- http://www.azdeq.gov/enviro/air/download/FAQs-Leaf_Blower_Use_Brochure.pdf



Thank you for your cooperation

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