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## **Letter: Code enforcement isn't worth \$2.5 million**

The Desert Hot Springs City Council is discussing a change to the multimillion-dollar code enforcement contract it has already approved in a city confronted by mounting debt. It is hard to fathom why such a non-functional department of the city could command such a high cost.

Code Enforcement is a joke in this city. For years, I have reported trashy eyesore lots and RVs parked illegally and the only follow-up is a call to say, "We're working on it." Several times I was told I didn't understand the complicated process involved in citing and fining property owners. I don't need to understand it, just do it!

There is no way the residents of the city receive a value in code enforcement equivalent to \$2.5 million! Contracted or city-staffed, it is something we can do without in this time of financial crisis.

Rick Daniels saw the light at the end of the tunnel and quickly exited at the other end. Yvonne Parks couldn't even find the tunnel!!

**Randy Rice, Desert Hot Springs**