



CITY OF ASHLAND

Safety Committee Inspection Report ***Major Violations 2024-Present***

Other common major violations that have spent a lot of time fixing instead of spending time on more important things:

Inadequate emergency lighting, updating AED/emergency supplies, housekeeping/trip hazards, unsecured/improperly placed shelving, unserviced/expired fire extinguishers, unlabeled chemicals, several locations need flammable storage lockers (of various sizes) which are very expensive, fixing ADA non-compliant things (mostly uncovered pipes), lack of exit signs/other required signage, creating and updating evacuation maps, house-keeping and insufficient ceiling clearance due to lack of storage locations,

I'd consider pulling the emails I sent you regarding City Hall's railing and door issues.

FACILITY - Police

Concerns not pictured: the amount of rats/vermin at/near PD (health code and OSHA violations), no flammable storage cabinets in evidence locker (danger of fire from lithium-ion batteries and other confiscated material)

FACILITY - The Grove

Location: Gym storage area

Infraction: Old electrical cover is bent and uneven (trip hazard)

Responsible Department: Parks

Correction Required: Replace cover

Priority: Medium

Sabrina—this has been fixed but is a common type of hazard we find throughout the city.



Location: Bike shop

Infraction: Overhead storage is unstable and a fall hazard.

Responsible Department: Parks

Correction Required: Move items

Priority: High

Sabrina—the shelving itself is (mostly) stable but there's insufficient storage and it gets stacked like this throughout the City. Especially in PW and Parks



Location: The Grove (big conference room)

Infraction: Wires coming out of wall

Responsible Department: Facilities?

Correction Required: Cover hole/wires

Priority: High



FACILITY - 90 N Mountain

Location: 90 N Mountain Yard

Infraction: Hydrants are unsecure and unstable

Responsible Department: PW—Distribution

Correction Required: Re-stack hydrants on unbroken pallets.

Priority: High



Location: 90 N Mountain Yard

Infraction: Housekeeping, hydrant graveyard needs to be cleaned up.

Responsible Department: PW—Distribution

Correction Required: Remove or clean up hydrants

Priority: Medium



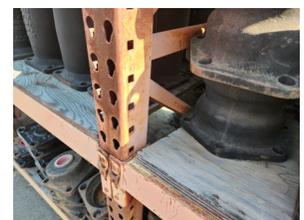
Location: 90 N Mountain Yard

Infraction: Fittings storage racks are missing load capacity and fittings are stored too heavy and bowing or crushing racks.

Responsible Department: PW—Distribution

Correction Required: Label with load capacity and re-organize fittings to lighten loads.

Priority: High



FACILITY - 90 N Mountain

Location: Shop

Infraction: Annual lift inspection last done in 2020

Responsible Department: Fleet

Correction Required: Have lift inspected and updated.

Priority: High

Sabrina—this has been fixed but we saw a LOT of this when we first started. We've addressed most of it, but a lot of things that require inspections are not up to code/had the recently.



Location: Shop—Managers office

Infraction: Power strip is plugged into a UPS—daisy chained (fire hazard)

Responsible Department: Fleet

Correction Required: It needs to re-configure cords.

Priority: High

Sabrina—this is very common throughout the city because buildings do not have enough outlets for electronics, etc. We've seen this/had complaints in just about every building in the city.



Location: Receiving dock

Infraction: Unsecure railing

Responsible Department: Facilities

Correction Required: Weld/secure railing

Priority: High



FACILITY - 90 N Mountain

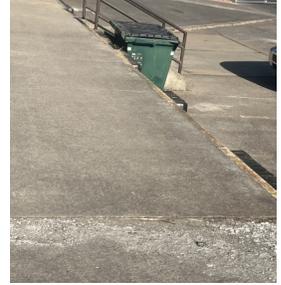
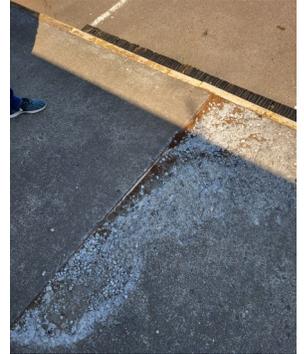
Location: Receiving dock

Infraction: Trip hazard where concrete is broken and falling apart

Responsible Department: Facilities

Correction Required: Repair concrete

Priority: High



FACILITY - B Street Yard

Location: Paint building

Infraction: Blackberries covering electrical box

Responsible Department: Streets

Correction Required: Clear blackberries

Priority: High

Sabrina—this is a recurring problem, we have to address this and similar issues throughout the city regularly



Location: Paint building

Infraction: Building siding is peeling off

Responsible Department: Streets

Correction Required: Repair siding

Priority: Medium



Location: B Street Yard

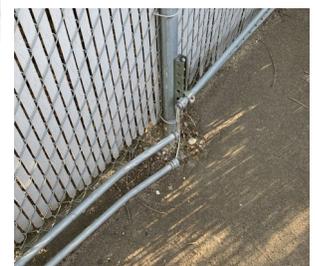
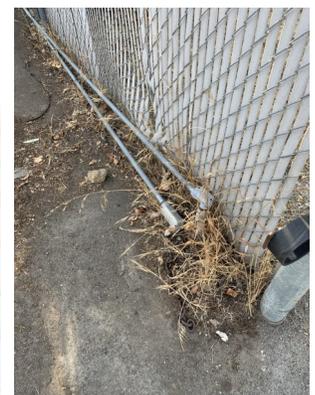
Infraction: Broken conduit with exposed wires

Responsible Department: Streets

Correction Required: Replace conduit or remove wires if gate opener is no longer in use.

Priority: High

Sabrina—this has been fixed but we've also seen a lot of issues like this throughout the city



FACILITY - City Hall

Location: City Hall—2nd floor

Infraction: Railing insecure and rotted

Responsible Department: Facilities

Correction Required: Secure railing

Priority: High

Sabrina—this has been fixed, but is indicative of the structural issues City Hall has



Location: City Hall—2nd floor

Infraction: Soffit is crumbling and rotted

Responsible Department: Administration/Facilities

Correction Required: Install new soffits

Priority: High



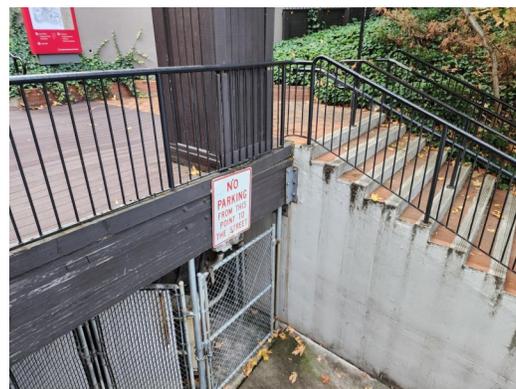
Location: Outside upstairs entrance

Infraction: Support beam split

Responsible Department: ?

Correction Required: Replace/reinforce beam

Priority: High



FACILITY - City Hall

Location: City Hall near stairs second floor

Infraction: Uneven Sagging Decking

Responsible Department: Facilities

Correction Required: Repair

Priority: High



Location: City Hall

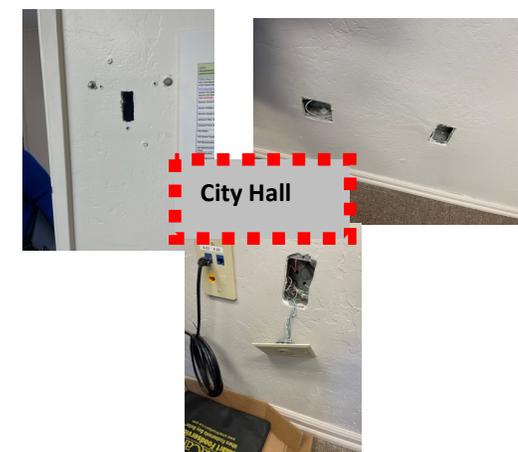
Infraction: Exit Door by Jail trip hazard

Responsible Department: Facilities

Correction Required: Signage or repair

Priority: High, Repeat marked as done in April report but it was not.

Sabrina—the floor is uneven which is why this is a hazard



Location: City Hall— upstairs breakroom

Infraction: Hole in wall—fire hazard

Responsible Department: Administration/Facilities

Correction Required: Cover/patch hole

Priority: High

These have been fixed but we see a lot of this throughout the city—I just picked two locations as a sample to show it's not just one place

FACILITY - City Hall

Location: City Hall—downstairs

Infraction: Door labeled “Exit” is locked and unusable (unable to exit through the door)

Responsible Department: Administration

Correction Required: Unlock door or remove “exit” sign

Priority: High



Sabrina— the City Hall ones below weren't formally reported to you because I knew you couldn't do anything about them but wanted to include them in this report for you anyway as they are significant safety hazards and open the City up to significant liability from employees and the public.

Location: City Hall—upstairs breakroom

Infraction: Sagging ceiling in breakroom

Responsible Department: Administration

Correction Required: Replace ceiling



Location: Sidewalk outside City Hall

Infraction: Cracked/uneven sidewalk due to trees

Responsible Department: Administration

Correction Required: even out sidewalk



FACILITY - City Hall

Location: City Hall—downstairs door by Shakespeare steps

Infraction: Unsecured pipe/drainage (increased chance of flooding or water damage to building)

Responsible Department: ??

Correction Required: Fix/secure draining to building

Priority: High

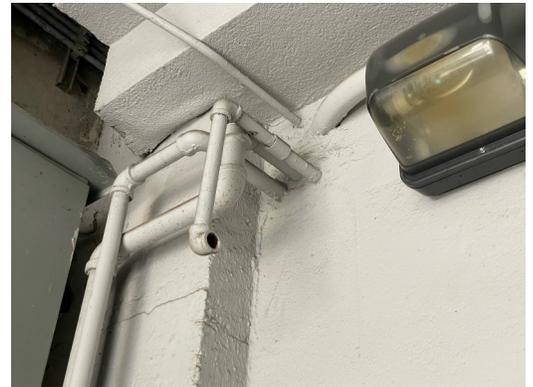


Location: City Hall—downstairs door by Shakespeare steps

Infraction: Unsecured conduit

Responsible Department: Electric?

Correction Required: Close conduit



Other concerns noted in City Hall that are not pictured — reports of rats/vermin in the vents/ceiling, bad electrical wiring throughout, City Hall is slanting towards Main St (ask fire about this), uneven flooring throughout both floors, upstairs windows fall open when a heavy truck drives by, bug infestations (ask Molly about the hornet lol), diesel smell by HR when generator outside kicks on

FACILITY - Water Treatment Plant

Location: WTP—Office building

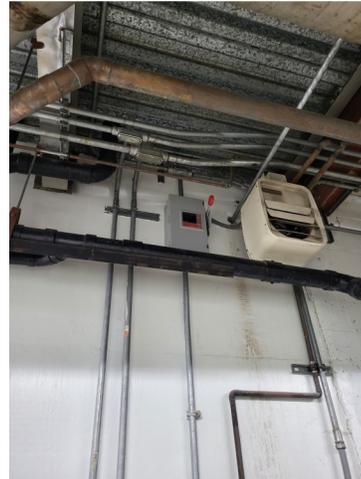
Infraction: Electrical shutoff switches are unreachable and there is no ladder.

Responsible Department: WTP

Correction Required: Get a ladder.

Priority: High

We got a ladder but technically it's supposed to be at normal standing height



Location: WTP—Filtration Building

Infraction: No eye wash station present, need at least one down-stairs

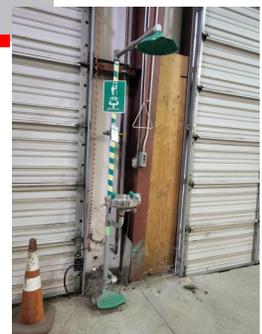
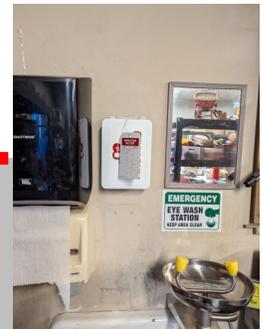
Responsible Department: WTP

Correction Required: Add at least one eyewash station to the building

Priority: High

This needs to be built/added. We've also had issues with eyewash stations throughout the city being broken or missing parts. Picture is of broken one so you can see what they're supposed to look like to get an idea of cost

There are 2 types of eye-wash stations, I think they need the shower



Location: WTP—Storage Building

Infraction: Fire alarm not properly installed

Responsible Department: WTP

Correction Required: Remove or properly mount fire alarm

Priority: High

This has been fixed but again, not the only place in the City where these types of issues have been found



FACILITY - Water Treatment Plant

Location: Electric Power building

Infraction: Broken glass in office

Responsible Department: Electric/Facilities

Correction Required: Replace glass

Priority: High



FACILITY - Cemetery

Location: Cemetery metal equipment shed

Infraction: Leaking roof and potential black mold on ceiling/wall

Responsible Department: Facilities

Correction Required: Repair roof

Priority: Medium



FACILITY - Parks

Location: Parks—Shop (310 S. Pioneer)

Infraction: Broken/crumbling steps to storage shed

Responsible Department: Parks

Correction Required: Fix the stairs

Priority: High



Location: Fleet and Parks Maintenance shops at Oak Knoll

Infraction: Leaking gutter/slip hazard if icy

Responsible Department: Facilities

Correction Required: Fix leak

Priority: High



FACILITY - Parks

Location: Parks—Log Cabin

Infraction: Basement door has broken window

Responsible Department: Parks

Correction Required: Replace glass

Priority: High



Location: Oak Knoll pro shop garage

Infraction: Ice is pulling gutter off building

Responsible Department: Parks/Facilities

Correction Required: Resecure gutter

Priority: High

This has been fixed



Location: Upper Lithia Maintenance Shed

Infraction: Trip hazard at shed door

Responsible Department: Parks

Correction Required: Fill in trip hazard

Priority: High



FACILITY - Wastewater Treatment Plant

Location: WWTP— near UV room

Infraction: Broken conduit outside near UV room

Responsible Department: WWTP

Correction Required: Fix/replace conduit

Priority: High

This has been fixed but another example of amount of serious work needed/hazards around the city



Location: WWTP—RAS building

Infraction: Bolt cut off floor

Responsible Department: WWTP

Correction Required: Secure or remove bolt

Priority: High



FACILITY - Finance/UB Building

Location: Finance Building back entrance

Infraction: Outside stairs need traction tape—slip hazard

Responsible Department: Finance/Facilities

Correction Required: Install traction tape

Priority: High



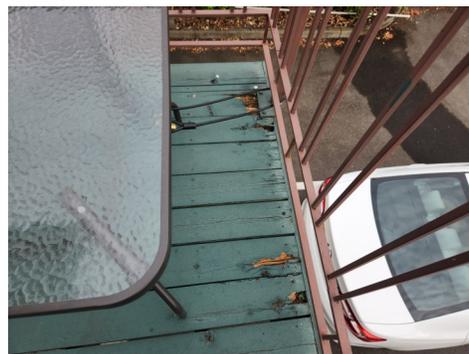
Location: Finance Building—Back Deck

Infraction: Back deck is rotting

Responsible Department: Finance/Facilities

Correction Required: Replace/fix deck

Priority: High



Plus the cost of the flood, although covered by insurance, disrupted business, took employee labor and claim submitted to insurance was almost 14k.

FACILITY— Pioneer Hall

Location: Outside Pioneer Hall

Infraction: Unsecured Electrical Box

Responsible Department: Electric

Correction Required: Secure Box

Priority: High

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