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As follow-up to questions raised during the 4/14/25 10:00 am public hearing by the SJG JSC:

1. Striking sections line 21 through 24 is recommended as the courts utilize a superceding penalty structure, local communities have no way of enforcing these, the \$10 and \$50 penalties have not been indexed for inflation and not updated in over 35 years, and \$10 and \$50 does not change behavior or encourage performance/compliance in removing a public/common nuisance.
2. Building Official is articulated in the existing legal construct, largely reference in current law in Title 30-A and Title 25.
3. The law is a tool, not a mandate, chosen to be utilized by a community when needed. It provides a link to LHO and Fire Warden dead-end processed that rely on costly and long-term litigation that often does not resolve the immediate threat, and often does not recover taxpayers monies expended. The law currently allows municipal officers (with CEO support) to CHOOSE this method if it is appropriate, but LHO's and Fire Wardens are left without legal support tools outside of court lawsuits.

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