

Text scam still targeting Atchison residents

**(KAIR)--The City of Atchison will not contact residents by text message to notify them about a weed, mowing, or nuisance violation.**

**That's the message delivered by the City in a release, which follows what appear to be scam text messages received by some residents.**

**According to the release, which comes after an initial warning about the messages was issued, the City of Atchison has learned that a number of citizens have received text messages from a 913 area code number regarding mowing and trimming of trees, with the City adding that the text messages include misinformation regarding City code and some have threatened penalties to the recipient despite that these text messages are not from the City and should be ignored.**

**The release clarifies that if property is found to be in violation of City code, the owner will receive a certified letter, and a first class copy will go the tenant if the home is a rental property with the letter allowing ten days to abate the violation.**

**The most recent text messages referenced the landlord by name and named a neighbor as the complainant.**

**Any questions or concerns, should be addressed to the City of Atchison Community Development Department at 913-367-5560.**

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