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Android version of county anti-blight app now available

Android users can now join iPhone users in helping to rid the county of graffiti, illegal dumping, and blight.

An Android version of the county's popular and effective "SBcode" app became available today, allowing residents with smart phones using the Android operating system to send photos of graffiti, illegal dumping and other code violations to San Bernardino County Code Enforcement officers.

The application can be downloaded for free at the "Android Market". Once the user is at the "Android Market" they can search for the app by using keyword "SBcode". When "SBcode" is downloaded to the user's mobile phone citizens can simply open the application, follow the prompts to take a picture of the violation, and then tap "submit".

Using built-in global positioning system technology, the application will attach a location to the picture and send the complaint to Code Enforcement. San Bernardino County Code Enforcement will receive the complaints generated from the application and assign the violation to a Code Enforcement Officer for investigation.

The "SBcode" application was created by Graffiti Protective Coatings Inc. and was provided to the county at no cost. Graffiti Protective Coatings is a graffiti cleanup company that provides graffiti abatement services to parts of San Bernardino County.

San Bernardino County Code Enforcement released the iPhone version of the "SBcode" app last month and has already received more than 140 complaints submitted by iPhone users who downloaded the app to their phone. The county is looking into developing versions for other operating systems as well, such as BlackBerry.