

## City of Los Alamitos Asks Residents to be Wary of Curbside House Number Paint Scams

City of Los Alamitos advises to be on the alert for unauthorized paint crews currently operating within the community. The City has recently received several calls from concerned residents who have been visited by individuals asking if they would like to have their house number painted on the curb. In some cases, residents are being charged anywhere from \$10 to \$40 for poor quality work.



This type of scam is common everywhere and usually begins every spring and continues throughout the summer months.

In an effort to prevent this, the City issued a permit for residential curb address painting to only one group – Canning Hunger. Representatives from Canning Hunger will be conducting their program in July and August. The cost for their services is strictly a voluntary donation. The Orange County-based non-profit group uses the funds donated during their ‘Curbing Hunger’ program to help feed homeless and low-income families across the nation. Paint crew members wear a t-shirt from Canning Hunger and carry a card identifying them as volunteers as well as a copy of the permit issued by the City. If approached by an individual asking for payment for curb painting services, residents are encouraged to ask for their identification and City-issued permit. Again, Canning Hunger is the only authorized agent of the City.

Residents who observe an unauthorized paint crew operating in their neighborhood or who would like to confirm an individual’s claim that they are permitted by the City, are asked to call the Public Works Department at 562.431-3538.

To learn more about Canning Hunger, call 1.888.354.3663 or visit its website at [www.canninghunger.org](http://www.canninghunger.org)