

What happens during the Code Enforcement Process ?

- ⇒ A Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) issues a notice of violation upon finding a code violation. The notice allows reasonable time for compliance.
- ⇒ The CEO attempts to contact anyone who receives a notice to work with them to resolve the violation.
- ⇒ The citizens that receive notices have the right to appeal the notice before the Property Maintenance Board or the Board of Zoning Adjustments.
- ⇒ 85% of the cases are complied; however, if the violation is not resolved, the CEO may recommend legal action be heard before the Environmental Division of the Franklin County Municipal Court.

Code Enforcement Division

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To report a possible code violation, please call (614) 645-3111 or visit www.columbus.gov

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Code Enforcement

Our Mission:

To improve the quality of life in Columbus neighborhoods through implementation and enforcement of the City's Housing, Zoning, Graphics, Health, Sanitation, and Safety Codes.





Code Enforcement is responsible for:

The Housing Code, which enforces the quality of the many thousands of dwellings, dwelling units, and rooming houses within the City of Columbus;

The Zoning Code, which regulates land use and licensed facilities, such as junk and salvage yards;

The Nuisance Abatement Code, which addresses the condition of vacant and blighted properties located within the City;

The Health, Sanitation, and Safety (Environmental) Codes, which regulates high grass, weeds, solid waste, and general sanitary maintenance of properties within the City, and;

The Graphics Code, which enforces laws having to do with signs of all types located within the City

COMMON CODE VIOLATIONS

Housing (Interior):

- electric, plumbing, and structure not properly maintained
- unsanitary conditions
- overcrowded conditions
- dwelling units unfit for human habitation
- unsafe buildings
- missing/non-functional smoke detectors
- pest infestation

Housing (Exterior):

- chimney, roof, gutters & downspouts
- porches & stairways
- siding, windows, doors, foundation
- exposed & untreated wood surfaces
- accessory structures (garages, sheds)
- yard maintenance
- vacant structures not secured or maintained

Health, Sanitation, & Safety:

- sanitary maintenance of premises
- trash, debris, & solid waste
- noxious weeds & high grass (over 12" long)
- brush & shrubs overgrowing into right-of-ways
- animal sanitation
- rodents, insects, vermin & other pests

COMMON CODE VIOLATIONS

Zoning:

- outdoor storage of junk, salvage, appliances, auto parts, furniture
- parking vehicles on unimproved surfaces
- inoperable vehicles on private property
- parking commercial vehicles in residential lots
- parking boats, campers, RVs, trailers in restricted areas
- motor vehicle repair garages in residential districts
- improper businesses in residential districts
- prohibited yard sales (in excess of allowable time limits)
- prohibited signage and graphics
- site plan violations

Inspecting an Inoperable Vehicle

