

# CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

How abandon homes are handled:

1. Locating either current owner or foreclosure company
2. Contacting responsible parties to handle code violations
3. Following up on violations to insure that everything is completed.
4. Continued contact until the home is sold.

How rental properties are handled:

1. Contacting renters and advising of code violations.
2. Follow up on violations and that they are remedied.
3. Finding owners and making contact if violations are not completed.
4. Further follow up with owners on the violations.

Home owner violations process:

1. Complaints either from neighbors or proactive enforcement
2. Notifying owners of the violations
3. If the violation is not fixed second notice mailed.
4. If problems arise helping owners to work out solutions extended time lines and ideas to help solve the problem.
5. Final step possible citation issued.
6. At times court ordered follow up.

Types of violations that I receive complaints on:

- a. Long grass
- b. Long weeds
- c. Refuge bin placement
- d. Bulk and litter in the yard
- e. Campers on the roadway
- f. Numerous vehicles in the driveway
- g. Flooding from neighbors yards
- h. Barking dogs/number of dogs/dog waste
- i. Abandoned vehicles
- j. Snow removal

Proactive violations:

- a. Unlicensed or disabled vehicles
- b. Bulk or trash on the roadway
- c. Brush and leaves on the roadway
- d. Illegally parked trailers or campers
- e. Camper's trailers snowmobiles parked out of season.
- f. Dogs being licensed

Time lengths on notices.

1. 24 hrs. quick fix violations.
  - a. Vehicle parked on the grass
  - b. Trailers on the lawn or roadway
  - c. Refuge bins storage

2. 48 hrs. little larger problems
  - a. Bulk out early
  - b. Brush out early
  - c. Grass or leaves on the road
3. 5 days on larger violations
  - a. Grass growing to long
  - b. Weeds over growth
  - c. Minor repairs to home or fence areas
4. Extended periods where home or yard are out of hand.
  - a. 15 – 30 days major repair or estimates being found to help with repair.
  - b. 30-60 days numerous violations continuous monitoring of violations.

Each and every one of these notices needs a follow up with the time limits given to insure that the code violations have been remedied.

As of the end of October I have received roughly 70 phone complaints from village residents. I have roughly issued 185 proactive notices of violations.

Challenges:

\* Almost every street that I drive down have some type of code violation.

\*When you post notices on social media most responses are in a negative matter.

\*Trying to educate the residents of the village's codes and trying to enforce some of the codes that have contradicting wording in them.

\*One of the hardest is trying to balance compliance from the resident or issuing citations to receive that compliance.

In conclusion I would like to know what the thoughts of the board are on enforcing our codes either by proactive means or working strictly by complaint driven calls.